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## Aerial ladder truck to join department City to accept delivery next year

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

Reaching any floor during a fire will be no problem for the Granite City Fire Department in the future.

A new, 100-foot aerial ladder truck — at cost of \$477,673 — will replace the old truck sidelined for the past year.

KME Fire Apparatus will supply the truck. Their bid was actually the lowest bid, despite reports last week in a Missouri daily newspaper that claimed the KME bid was not the lowest.

The Granite City City Council last week approved the purchase at the behest of Fire Chief Keith Talley.

The department will take delivery within roughly nine months, he said, the maximum allowable time for the contract to deliver the truck to be signed.

Part of the funds for the ladder truck will come from Granite City revenues.

The rest will come from Community Development Block Grant funds, after that body reviews the truck's specifications, Talley said.

*"Rather than refurbish the old truck — a good unit, but simply past its prime — the department sought to buy a new one."*

Keith Talley  
Granite City Fire Chief

The department's old aerial ladder unit was a 1967 Segrans.

"In September '96 it failed... safety procedures," Talley said.

"Rather than refurbish the old truck — a

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Staff photo by MARK HODAPP  
Marlene Kowalsky (standing), owner of St. Clair Travel Service Inc. looks down at some travel brochures with office manager Therisa Harrington.

## Feminine touch

Women entrepreneurs excel in marketplace

By Mark Hodapp  
Staff writer

Like her male counterparts, Barbara Turkington found it "pure hell" when she opened Newco Flooring Systems in St. Louis three years ago.

"I started it with pure folly," said Turkington, of O'Fallon.

Like many female entrepreneurs, Turkington believes her gender also may have impacted her early business.

"I think being a woman, who is in construction, is difficult," she said. "You constantly have to prove your self."

A retired Air Force veteran, Turkington was determined to make the business a success. In her view, failure is not an option.

"So you have to work three times as hard," she said.

Turkington's hard work has paid dividends. Newco now has 27 employees and sales are up 50 percent from

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Staff photo by T.L. WITT

## Holiday tradition

Area residents take part in The Way of Lights Candlelight Walk recently at Our Lady of Snows Shrine in Belleville.

## Evidence builds in Burgard case

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

More charges have been filed against an alleged swindler who reportedly cheated residents across the Metro East out of their personal savings.

Granite City police filed felony charges against Neal Burgard last week, as he was about to post bond on related charges. Granite police were acting on information filed by a local man identified by police as "John Doe."

"We had a complaint call; he had been swindled out of money," said Det. Sgt. Jeff Parker. Doe named Burgard as the man who swindled about \$60,000 from him.

Det. Tom Coppotelli of the

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## MCT steers around bumps in road

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Except for a few minor problems, Madison County Transit District officials said the transfer of routes from Bi-State Development Agency has gone well.

On Monday MCT's Agency for Community Transit took over most of the local bus service from the Bi-State Development Agency. Additional changes in the Edwardsville area will occur when the Edwardsville Transfer Center at the intersection of Main Street and Hillsboro is completed sometime next year.

"We were a little nervous, but I think things went relatively smoothly," said

Todd Plesko, MCT director of operations. He said MCT service increased to 43 buses — mostly new 39-passenger units — from 23.

The only real problem was a miscommunication on a route transporting students at Marquette Catholic High School in Alton, he said.

For the most part, Plesko said there were minor problems with people missing connections because of the new schedules.

"Because we changed so many connections, there could be a lot of problems," he said. "Once we do this for a week, people will have the information they need."

New bus schedules are available throughout the county.

The schedules include a number of design changes that make them easier to use, including larger, clearer maps and instructions.

"Our goal is to make it as convenient as possible for Madison County residents to travel throughout the county and to other key destinations by bus," said Granite City Mayor Ron Selph, who chairs the MCT Board.

"The upcoming service changes coupled with the new schedules will make it easier than ever to use MCT

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## NEWS

## Mueller faces party opposition

By Mary Brase  
Telegraph staff writer

Less than a year after winning a second term as Godfrey's township supervisor, Republican Doug Mueller plans to run again for Madison County treasurer.

Mueller, 37, said he will file petitions this month for a place on the March primary ballot, despite opposition from Republican Wes Tucker, the county's chief deputy treasurer, who announced his candidacy in November.

Tucker was endorsed by both his former Republican bosses, John Shimkus and Bill Aery, after Aery declined to seek reelection in 1996.

"I'm running because I think people deserve a choice," Mueller said.

"I think politicians have gone into the back room and decided, and I think people

deserve a chance to make the choice."

Mueller said he was interested in the treasurer's job a year ago when the Madison County Board approved Aery's appointment after Shimkus' election to Congress representing the 20th district. Shimkus first won the office from the Democrats in 1990, and it remains the only countywide post held by the Republicans.

"I believe my skills and experiences and education make me uniquely qualified for the office. I have no endorsements," Mueller said, adding that party regulars would prefer that he stay out of the race.

"But I believe people should make the decisions and not the party leaders," he said.

Mueller has been Godfrey's township supervisor since 1993 and a precinct committeeman since 1992 when he served as

the Bush/Quayle coordinator in Madison County.

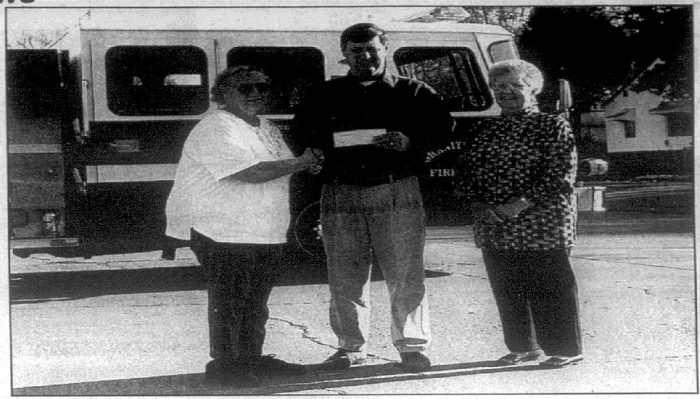
He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Missouri at St. Louis and associate degrees in business and data processing from Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey. He has 16 years experience in the computer field and works as a computer programmer at Boeing Co. in St. Louis.

Mueller said he plans to build on recent improvements in the treasurer's office and to keep tax money earning interest in Madison County banks.

"The previous treasurers have deposited monies to earn the highest possible interest rate. I want to make sure the local banks all have an opportunity to receive some of the funds. We do it in Godfrey where all the banks have some of the money," he said.

If the banks can match the interest rate, they should have some funds, he said.

The Democrats have endorsed Madison County Auditor Fred Bathon, who has announced his candidacy.



Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

## Sight for sore eyes

The Auxiliary of VFW Post 1300 recently presented the Granite City Fire Department with a \$50 donation towards its goal of outfitting each of its station houses with the Cairns IRIS thermal-imaging equipment. LaVern Mull, the safety chairperson, left, and Olive Conaway, the hospitality chairperson, right, hand the donation over to Granite City Fire Chief Keith Talley, center.

## Local man killed in accident

Marshall Coleman, 25, of 1314 Granite in Granite City was killed when he was struck by a fan from a motor vehicle Nov. 21.

According to police reports, Coleman was killed while working on the car with his cousin, Jesse Gipson of Granite City, when the accident happened.

Coleman was revving the motor by the carburetor linkage when a piece of the fan blade broke loose and struck him in the head.

When paramedics arrived and examined him, Coleman showed no signs of life.

Coroner Bob Lewis took over the scene and had Coleman transported to Anderson Hospital.

By Becky Vollmer  
Telegraph staff writer

Police are searching for a man who allegedly threatened and robbed a woman who had just withdrawn money from an automatic teller machine at a local bank.

The victim, a 53-year-old city woman, had withdrawn \$100 from the ATM at the Bank of Edwardsville, 330 W. Vandalia St. in Edwardsville, just before she was robbed about 7:15 p.m. Saturday, police said.

After leaving the bank, police said the woman drove 12 or 15 blocks to Chapman Street, where she was going to visit a friend. As she was turning around at the intersection of Chapman and State streets,

a man in a car pulled up alongside her, asking for directions, said Detective Scott Evers of the Edwardsville Police Department.

The man, described as a black male in his 20s, told the woman he had knifed in his jacket and that he would cut her if she did not give him the money she had just gotten from the ATM, Evers said. She complied, and the suspect drove away.

"A weapon was inferred, but none was shown," Evers said.

The incident was at least the third in Edwardsville involving a weapon in the last six weeks. On Oct. 14, two men armed

with a handgun robbed the Farm Fresh Milk Store on South Buchanan Street. Two days later, the Highlander Center Laundromat on North Main Street was held up.

Five suspects were arrested and charged in the Laundromat robbery, but no one has been arrested in connection with the Farm Fresh incident. Evers said Monday he did not think that robbery was related to the most recent incident.

"The age and physical description doesn't match the suspect from the Farm Fresh robbery," the detective said.

The suspect's vehicle is thought to be a dark red two-door coupe with a partial Illinois license plate number of 385.

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## OBITUARIES

**Karen Barger**  
(VOEGELE) BARGER, 39, of Granite City died Saturday, Nov. 29, 1987, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center. She was born Feb. 10, 1948, in East St. Louis.

She was a respiratory therapist at St. John's Mercy Medical Center and active in Boy Scout Troop 103 of Granite City.

She was active member of Holy Family Catholic Church of Granite City and School.

Survivors include her husband, Bruce Barger; her mother, Shirley J. (Mangiaracini) Voegele; two sons, Nathan Smith and Eric Barger, both of Granite City; and four brothers, Marc and Robert Voegele, both of Granite City, Michael Voegele of Collinsville, and Ronald Voegele of Madison.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marcus R. "Bud" Voegele; and one son, Matthew.

Services will be at 9 a.m. today, Wednesday, at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. William Flaherty officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to the National Lupus Foundation of America.

**Elora Young**  
ELORA JEANNE (HURST) YOUNG, 53, of Maplewood, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 1987, at St. Mary's Health Center in St. Louis. She was born March 23, 1944, to Raymond Jr. and Elora Alice (O'Neal) Starkey, both of who preceded her in death.

She was a carpenter for many years at the Carpenter's Union.

Survivors include her husband, Ed Young; three sons, Kevin Hurst of Granite City, Jeff Hurst of Maplewood, Mo., and Keith Hurst of Maryville; three brothers, Richard Knowlton of Granite City, Raymond Starkey of Cedar Hill, Mo., and Christopher O'Neal of Warrenton, Mo.

Burial was in Wright City Cemetery in Missouri.

**John Yurko**  
JOHN JEROME YURKO, 77, of Madison, died at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, 1987, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born May 26, 1920, in Madison.

A World War II veteran, he worked for 35 years for PVO International before retiring in 1985. Mr. Yurko was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison, the Knights of Columbus Council 1088, Eagles Aerie 1126, AmVets Post 204, the St. Mary's Booster and First Catholic Slovak Union.

Survivors include his wife, Alda (Kaiser) Yurko of Madison; one daughter, Patricia Yurko of Madison; two sisters, Catherine Bernick and Mary Baker, both of Glen Carbon; one step-brother, George Mikulicz of Fairmont City; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Yurko and Anna (Gasper) Yurko Mikulicz; his step-father, Charles Mikulicz; two brothers, Frank and Andrew; two sisters, Barbara Fehrer and Annie Lubak; and one step-brother, Charlie Mikulicz.

The services were Tuesday, Dec. 2, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison with burial at Calvary in Edwardsville. Memorials may be sent to St. Mary's. Arrangements were made by Thomas Mortuaries.

**Louise Begando**  
LOUISE BLANCH (MENDO) BEGANDO, 89, of Granite City died at 6:45 a.m. Dec. 1, 1987 at Edwardsville Care Center East in Edwardsville. She was born July 11, 1908 in St. Boniface, Penn.

Mrs. Begando was retired as a housekeeper at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Survivors include one son, Joe Begando of Granite City; one sister, Ida Courtenay of Philipburg, Penn.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Louis (Delab) Henick; her husband, Joseph Begando, whom she married in 1929 and died in 1941; one son, James Begando; one daughter, Lillian Fowler; one brother, Louis Marty;

and one sister, Mary Dieling. Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel of Granite City.

**John White**  
JOHN WHITE, 76, of Centerville, died Tuesday, Nov. 25 in Centerville. He was born in Scotts, Miss.

Survivors include two daughters, Sheila Williams and Shirley Williams, both of Omaha, Neb.; one son, Rodney Williams of Omaha; three sisters, Alice Poe of New York, N.Y., Annie Vaughn of Souix Falls, S.D., and Hattie Pearl of Carbondale; one brother, Ollie White of Madison; and six grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 29 at Southern Mission Baptist Church in East St. Louis with the Rev. Jerome Jackson officiating. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt. Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel handled the arrangements.

**Harold Sullivan**  
HAROLD ANDRE "BUTCH" SULLIVAN, 39, of Venice died Monday, Nov. 24, 1987 at St. Mary's Hospital in Clayton, Mo. He was a native of East St. Louis.

Survivors include his parents, Carroll P. Sullivan and James Hayes; his son, Andre Sherrod; his grandmother, Dorothy Hayes; a sister, Lorraine C. Sullivan; a brother, Vancorby Sullivan; five half-sisters and four half-brothers.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 29 at Bible Deliverance Fellowship

Church in Venice with the Rev. Reginald Fields officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt. Arrangements were handled by Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel.

**William Price**  
WILLIAM A. PRICE, 64, of Madison died at 5:35 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at St. Elizabeth Hospital. He was born June 21, 1933 in Madison.

Mr. Price was a retired shipping manager for Williams Patent Crusher Co. He was a member of Word of Life Tabernacle and a veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Karen (Cooper) Price; four sons, George Price of Silva, Mo., Dennis Price of Highland, Richard Price and David Cooper, both of Madison; three daughters, Connie Smith of Madison, Melody Henderson of Granite City and Jada Holbert of Park Hills, Mo.; three brothers, George Steel of Fort Meyers, Fla., James Steel of Madison and Ralph Price of Palm Bay, Fla.; one sister, Norma Bush of Palm Bay, Fla.; 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elroy and Maude (Brooks) Price; and two brothers, Zeke Steel and Donald Price.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 2 at Word of Life Tabernacle with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery. Arrangements were made to the building fund at Word of Life.

**Herman Weissenborn**  
HERMAN R. WEISSENBORN, 75, of Granite City died at 11:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 1987 at St. John's Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. He was born Dec. 16, 1921 in Advance, Mo. Mr. Weissenborn was a retired materials handler at Granite City Steel. He was a member of St. Elizabeth Church, and a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Robbers Weissenborn, whom he married in 1948; two sons, Rick Weissenborn of Granite City and David Weissenborn of Florissant, Mo.; three daughters, Kathy Jaeger of St. Louis, Terry Lopez of Kansas City, Kan., and Sandy Winkler of St. Louis; two brothers, Ben Weissenborn of Hot Springs, Ark., and David Weissenborn of Washington, D.C.; one sister, Shirley Tillman of Granite City; 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Edna Weissenborn; and one sister, Virginia Nichols.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 2 at St. Elizabeth Church with the Rev. Frances R. Tebanura officiating. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Arrangements were by Werner Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

## Three charged by state's attorney

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Felony charges were filed Monday in several cases brought by the Granite City Police Department.

A Granite City man was charged with felony DUI following a three-car accident Sunday which sent seven people to the hospital, and two people were charged with drug-related offenses.

The charges were filed by the Madison County State's Attorney's office at the Madison County Courthouse Monday afternoon.

Rodney A. Talley, 33, of the

## Charges

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Collinsville Police Department had investigated Burgard on charges filed in that city. It was Coppotelli who "got the ball rolling" on the case, Parker said.

Burgard was to have his preliminary hearing last week. He was to have \$1,000 posted against his bail Nov. 26 when the Granite City charges were filed.

"He was about to make bond, and my charges were pending," Parker said. Burgard remained in Madison County Jail on \$85,000 bail.

Police say Burgard swindled nearly \$500,000 from various people in Madison and St. Clair counties over the past five years. He could face up to 10 years in prison.

Burgard was a legitimate insurance broker, Parker said. "One he found out they had money, he got very friendly," he said. "He got them" handing over megadollars of money. He must be real smooth.

Burgard allegedly promised a large percentage return on promissory notes. "Sometimes they gave him money straight up," Parker said.

Burgard, according to police, lost the money on gambling boats.

He was initially charged Oct. 15 in Madison County with theft of over \$10,000, which came from a Collinsville complaint where an elderly woman lost \$30,000 in an investment scam. Other pending cases include an elderly Belleville woman who lost \$130,000 over a five-year period and a Mascoutah family that was swindled out of \$30,000.

(Some information for this story was provided by staff writer Nicole Vaughn.)

## GC POLICE

1700 block of Delmar, Granite City, was charged Monday with two counts of aggravated DUI.

Bond was set at \$10,000.

According to police, Talley was westbound on Edwardsville Road when he allegedly lost control of his vehicle, a 1979 Chrysler LeBaron, while driving over the railroad tracks near 14th Street.

He then reportedly crossed over the center line, striking a car driven by Angie Cotton of Granite City.

A third vehicle, driven by Jeffrey Waters, was also struck.

Talley and four others in his vehicle were injured and taken

to St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

According to police, two others were also taken to the hospital.

Talley was also issued a citation for driving with a suspended license.

Further information was unavailable.

Agnes L. Treadway, 39, of the 1100 block of 22nd Street, Granite City, was charged with two counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

According to court documents, Treadway, who is currently in jail with bond set at \$125,000 for both charges, sold crack cocaine to undercover police officers on Nov. 16 and 17.

Kerran M. Blakeley, 34, of the 200 block of Carver, Madison, was charged with one

count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

He is also in custody. Bond in his case has been set at \$150,000.

According to police, a Granite City officer observed Blakeley drive a truck out of a parking lot at a very high rate of speed.

After stopping the vehicle, officers allegedly found rock cocaine in the vehicle.

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## NEWS

# Holiday shopping off to good start for area shoppers

By Jim Merkel  
Staff writer

Those who went Christmas shopping the weekend after Thanksgiving likely had to wait for a parking space, and children likely had to wait to see Santa Claus.

Big crowds at St. Louis area shopping centers signified a healthy start to the Christmas shopping season, retailers said. At Crestwood Plaza, the wait showed itself clearly when Santa arrived at his Candyland Home in the Dillard Court at 9 a.m. Nov. 28. "The wait to see Santa was 45 minutes," said Sean Phillips, director of marketing at Crestwood Plaza.

To reduce the time in line for children, people can sign up ahead and return at the appointed time. When they do return, they can spend a short wait at a table where there are activities for the children, Phillips said. At South County Center, the wait wasn't nearly as long last weekend because Santa had arrived earlier.

"Our Santa arrival was the week before Thanksgiving," said Fran Percich, director of marketing at South County Center. "At the prime time, it might have been a 15- to 20-minute wait."

However long the wait may be for Santa, stores are reporting improved sales.

"It's going well," Percich said. "We expect increases, and we're getting comment from the stores that they're seeing increases."

Phillips points to a prediction by the International Council of Shopping Centers and various shopping center trade magazines that sales will be up 3% to 7 percent this season.

Stephen Latz, a retailing analyst for A.G. Edwards focusing on department stores and general merchandise, isn't quite as optimistic. But he does predict a good year.

"We think the holiday season will probably be up someplace in the 3 to 3 1/2 percent range versus last year," Latz said. Last year, the improvement was 3 to 3 1/4 percent compared

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— Sean Phillips  
Director of marketing  
Crestwood Plaza

to 1995, he said.

"We think it's sort of singles and doubles, not home runs," Latz said. As for hot items, Percich reports the Snore and Sing Ernie is the best selling toy, and that solitaire diamonds are doing well.

"Ready-to-wear sales are doing very well," Percich said.

Although the South County Center parking lot has been crowded, Percich said a shuttle helps people get from their cars to stores.

To cut down on its parking problem, Crestwood Plaza is encouraging employees to park off-site at Grant's Farm and then take a shuttle in.

"A parking space is worth about \$1,500 a day at Crestwood Plaza, so we like to free those up for our customers," Phillips said.

At the Target department store at Hampton Avenue and Chippewa Street in south St. Louis, executive team leader Connie Corby said, "I think we're holding our own."

Business has been really steady."

Joe Caravella, manager of the J.C. Penney store in Hampton Village, said sales so far aren't as good as was hoped.

"I really can't say it's been better than fair. It's been a little bit below expectations, but it's been fair," Caravella said.

Warm weather may have hurt sales, Caravella said. "We've got all cold weather goods," Caravella said. "It's hard to think about Christmas when it's 60 degrees out."

## Ladder

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good unit, but simply past its prime — the department sought to buy a new one.

"It would have cost \$90,000 just to replace the aerial ladder," he said.

The new truck, which will probably be a 1998 model, has its own hydraulic aerial ladder, several "ground" ladders, its own fire pump, a comple-

ment of hoses and its own water booster tank.

"The old ladder did not have a pump, tank or hose supply," Talley said.

"It was just an aerial ladder."

Because the old truck did not have its own pump and water supply, three firefighters were required to set the equipment up on the scene, and another

truck to supply it.

"This one, once another vehicle has brought a hose to it, one man can set it up — typical of any pumper operation," Talley said.

In extreme cases where other department trucks are out of service, the new unit could serve as a water pumper, although Talley said it would not be an ideal situation.

## Work

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important in a small business," she said.

Like Turkington, Dorcas Cecil of O'Fallon has seen her hard work pay dividends. Cecil started Cecil Management Group Inc. 20 years ago in O'Fallon.

A certified property manager, Cecil has earned a reputation for quality and integrity. In 1988 and 1991, the St. Louis Institute of Real Estate Management chapter named Cecil property manager of the year.

Cecil received the Wal-Mart Foundation's 1997 Sam Walton Business Leader Award for her community service involvement and dedication to customer service.

Cecil, who serves on the board of directors for the O'Fallon Rotary Club and is president of the O'Fallon Library board of trustees, believes being active in the community is very important to her success.

She also could not recall facing any problem she might have faced because she was a woman in business.

"The backbone of any business is its employees," Cecil said.

Cecil also believes it's important for a business to remain ethical and provide the service they promised to their customers.

"I don't see it being man versus a woman issue," she said.

Becky and Gary Vosburgh recently opened The Bagel Basket in O'Fallon. A music teacher in O'Fallon School District 90, Becky Vosburgh said she does a lot of the behind-the-scenes work, including the laundry.

"It's my husband full-time job, and my part-time job," she said.

Gary Vosburgh is a retired Air Force pilot.

Becky Vosburgh said she was very emotional when the

business opened.

"I was excited," she said. "But it was also very scary, stimulating and challenging."

Vosburgh said the key to any business is a business plan.

Marlene Kowalsky bought St. Clair Travel Service Inc. in O'Fallon in 1984 because she was tired of working for male bosses.

While the majority of companies are owned by men, 65 percent of the travel agencies in the United States are owned and operated by women, Kowalsky said. She said she believes more men would be in the travel industry, but the profits are low.

Kowalsky said she also entered the field because she likes to travel.

And like Cecil, Kowalsky stays active in the O'Fallon community. She said that involvement is important because people will take you more seriously and it also helps build business contacts.

## Transit

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to get around." The new schedules were designed by Smartmaps Inc., of Knoxville, Tenn.

"Our designs are based on a lot of research, including a thorough review of other transit maps from large and small transit systems across the country and feedback gathered during focus groups in the early design stages, said company president Katherine Hart.

She added while most transit schedules are interpreted accurately only about 40 percent of

the time, studies show that Smartmaps' schedules are easily understood by more than 80 percent of transit users.

Route maps and corresponding timetables are printed on the same sides of the schedule. Additional white arrows linking key time points on the map to the actual timetable clearly illustrate arrival and departure times from each major stop along the route.

Plesko said anyone with complaints or questions about the new routes should call MCT at 931-7433.

Other route changes are expected to take place next year when the Edwardsville Transfer Station is completed.

MCT Manager Jerry Kane said bids are about to be let on the \$2.5 million center. He said the project is slightly behind schedule.

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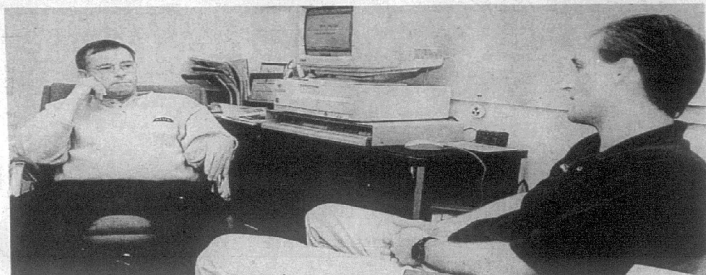
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## HEALTH NEWS



From left, Ed Huneke, men's soccer coach at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville at trainer Dan Stephens discuss the team's physical conditioning program.

## Trainers ease crunch of sports injuries

## Special to the Journal

Sports programs are in full swing at colleges across the country as the sounds of crunching young bones and cries of pain slice through the crisp fall air.

Fortunately, that scene has not played too often at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville this year, where the men's soccer team recently completed an 18-1 season. In addition to hard work and skilled athletes, coach Ed Huneke believes that the ath-

letic training staff from St. Elizabeth Health Services is also responsible for a great season.

"The training staff has been very good at treating the few injuries we've had," Huneke said. "We've been a little lucky, but like in life, you (have) to be good and lucky both."

The men's soccer team had only one major injury during a season that began Aug. 18 and ended recently with a loss to Truman State in the first round of the NCAA tourna-

ment.

Dan Stephens, coordinator for sports medicine at St. Elizabeth Health Services, credits the team's dedication to physical training for the winning season.

"The more cardiovascular fitness you have over your opponent, the better off you're going to be," he said.

Stephens and his staff of four trainers and one graduate assistant work with injured athletes at SIUE and the Gran-

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## SOCIETY NEWS

## Trainers

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ite City, Collinsville and Triad high schools during the school year. During the summer, they participate in local sporting events such as the Junior National Track and Field Championship, sports camps and the Prairie State Games.

"In any sport, if we have anybody who has been hurt throughout the week, we hold them out of the more intense practices," Stephens said. We try to build an injured player up so we peak at the right point.

"We usually do some extra conditioning on the lighter days, again, more on the cardiovascular side," he said.

Stephens oversees the Sports Medicine Program from his office in the Vandalia Sports Center at SHU.

"We meet here at the college in the morning and go over the day's schedule," he said. "In the afternoon, my trainers go out to the schools and evaluate and treat any injuries." Tate Merten goes to Granite City High School, Brett Kisro goes to Col-

insville High School, Lisa Dauer goes to Triad and Jamie Franklin works primarily with the women's teams at SHU, Stephens said.

"They're out there for 20 hours per week for either practices or games times. It's totally free to the high schools. It depends on the athletic director how the time is used," Stephens said.

Anyone who attends sporting events on a regular basis has seen an injury occur with the resulting rush of trainers and coaches to the injured party.

"Sometimes you see what happens and sometimes you don't, so you try to identify the problem while you're going out," Stephens said.

The one you don't like to see is where the athlete is lying very still and not making any noise at all. Then you have to go to worse-case scenario. Airway, breathing, circulation first, then get them to calm down," he said.

Then the trainers evaluate the athlete's condition to determine if there is going to be a life-threatening situa-

tion. The athlete is then moved off the field and looked at again to assess the situation. It is then determined if the athlete must go to a hospital. Every time a trainer goes to the aid of an athlete on the field, Stephens said, the athlete has to be removed from the field and evaluated.

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# CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE

## Advice for choosing right tree

The Christmas tree selection process begins as a series of personal preferences: long vs. short needles, green vs. blue, green color and full vs. open branching. Once these decisions are made, it's time to find a fresh tree.

The selection process also should include choosing a tree dealer or supplier. Cutting your own tree from a grower's plantation is the best assurance of freshness.

If cutting your own tree is not an option, a reliable dealer at a sales lot should be able to provide you with information about the source of his trees and the cutting date.

The moisture content of the tree will determine how fresh the tree has remained since cutting or harvesting. Since most people do not have the equipment available to measure the actual moisture content, there are several criteria that can be used to estimate the freshness of the tree on the lot.

A fresh tree will have the following characteristics:

- ✓ The needles are relatively pliable or flexible. In near-zero temperatures, however, the water in the needles freezes and they will appear to be brittle.
- ✓ The tree has a fresh, pungent pine fragrance.
- ✓ The needles have a waxy, natural green or blue-green appearance, provided the tree has not been sprayed with colorant.
- ✓ The needles should be firmly attached to the twig and should have very few loose green needles. Shaking or bumping the tree lightly on the ground should not result in a large quantity of dropped green needles.

Once you have purchased a tree, there are several things you can do to help the tree maintain its freshness. Avoid hauling your tree over long distances. It will be subjected to the wind, which will dry the needles rapidly.

When you get the tree home, cut 1 to 1½ inches off the butt of the tree trunk and immediately place the tree in water. Store the tree in a cool environment, out of the wind. A garage may serve as an acceptable storage area. Maintain a constant supply of water to the tree. Your tree may use two quarts of water during the first 24 hours and may average a quart a day for the first week. No additives are necessary in the water supply. Do not let the tree trunk bones dry out as it will seal over and stop absorbing water.

Avoid displaying your tree near a fireplace or heat outlet in the room. You also can reduce moisture loss from the tree by lowering the temperature of the room.

If you select a fresh tree from the start and care for the tree properly while on display, it should remain fresh for at least two weeks in the home. Check the condition of your tree's needles for dryness and brittleness as the holiday season progresses as the final determining factor for the length of time your particular tree can safely be kept indoors.



Carrie Cisco sets up a kettle for the Salvation Army drive. (Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

By Deb Sauerhage  
Correspondent

The hot item for Christmas decorating and collecting this holiday season is snowmen, say area retailers.

"This year and last year — snowmen are still big," said Alice Green, owner of Country and Lace Holiday Shop in Okawville. "Gingerbread, angels and Santas are also popular."

Snowmen and snowwomen hang on a "snow laden" tree and line the shelves at the store.

"We have snowmen in country and Victorian styles," Green said. "Both are popular."

Country Sampler owner

Dianne Zimmermann is also selling a lot of snowmen items. "More people are collecting snowmen so they can leave their decorations out longer in the season — through January and February," Zimmermann said. "We have snowmen quilts, pictures, pottery, plush and dolls."

Zimmermann said the snowmen trend is snowballing. "Snowmen are becoming like teddy bears. Their popularity is growing," she said. "Some trends like geese have come and gone, but snowmen and teddy bears are both still popular."

Zimmermann estimates she has more than 500 different snowmen items in her shop, located in Lake Christine in

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## Tree of Lights goal is \$275,000 this year

St. Clair County drive is in full swing

By Kimberly Haas  
Staff writer

The Salvation Army's Tree of Lights campaign in St. Clair County is in full swing after kicking off nearly two weeks ago.

Lt. Nicholas Montgomery, commanding officer of the St. Clair County bureau, is confident the agency will reach its goal of \$275,000 this year.

"For some reason, it just seems right. Residents support the Salvation Army, and have for a number of years, and they will continue to do so," Montgomery said. "The need is always there."

Through the Tree of Lights campaign, 80 percent of the Army's annual budget is raised, Montgomery said. If the Army's goal is not reached, the budget has to be stretched to meet the agency's needs.

"We strain and struggle toward the end of the year and have to carefully budget out the money," Montgomery said.

Last year, the St. Clair County facility fell short of its \$350,000 Tree of Lights goal by \$90,000, he said.

"We fell well short of it. I don't know why. I guess people were just cautious in their giving," Montgomery said. "We didn't have to cut anything (last year). But we had to be very careful and be realistic in our budget."

Yearround, the Salvation Army provides numerous services to those in need.

Three days a week, the agency provides a

"Residents support the Salvation Army, and have for a number of years, and they will continue to do so. The need is always there."

— Nicholas Montgomery

food line for anyone needing help. Five days a week, an emergency food pantry is available for residents. A temporary homeless shelter is open for displaced individuals, needing a place to stay. In addition, life skills classes are provided for those needing guidance.

"We want to help them," Montgomery said of those helped. "We want them to find a job and give them a better education."

In the Army's shelter, 19 beds are available now. Montgomery said the agency plans to expand the facility to include 25 beds in the future.

A latch-key program for children needing a place to stay after school is also offered at the agency, along with a gymnasium being available for use for Friday and Saturday night basketball games.

"We have the programs here and the facilities are for the community to use," Montgomery said.

"This year and last year — snowmen are still big. Gingerbread, angels and Santas are also popular."

— Alice Green  
Lace Shop owner

Belleville. Snowmen are so popular, Jan's Hallmark in Swansea is already sold out of many items, but plenty more line the

shelves. "We have tree-toppers, stocking-holders, spoon rests, fabric snowmen and snowmen water globes," manager Beth

Fanning said. "Santas are still popular, but snowmen are the top sellers."

The snowmen phenomena has spilled into other areas says Fanning.

"Other lines are including snowmen in their collectibles," she said. "For example, Cherished Teddies even have snowmen with the teddy bears. This is the first time I have ever seen this happen."

Jan's Hallmark also has stores in Belleville, O'Fallon, Cahokia, Collinsville and Granite City.

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Applications must be made in person Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Basket distribution date is Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Public aid recipients will need to apply through their caseworker.

All other low-income families may apply at the Salvation Army.

Applicants must bring in proof of residence and income required for recipients for all household members. Social Security card, I.D. card, driver's license or birth certificate are acceptable.

St. Clair County residents who live west of Illinois 157 must apply in East St. Louis. For information call 874-3136.



## GIFT &amp; DINING GUIDE

## Christmas is the time for families to gather

By Nina Schott  
Correspondent

Suddenly, it's Christmas time! All the stores are jammed with gift seekers. The streets are decked out to promote the holiday spirit. Santa Claus is popping up all over the place.

Many churches begin the Advent Season (preparing for the Birth of Christ) by gathering the congregation together to decorate the church. Every one works together making new decorations and orna-

ments at this time.

Many families begin their Christmas celebrations with a "Family Fun Time." Early in the holiday season, they begin to make ornaments to hang on the tree, decorations for the house and decorations for outside. And the most fun of all is making something special for each member of the family.

Many Christmas trees are decorated year after year with the proud results of these work-together sessions. Each member, no matter how young, can contribute to the

creating of decorations, and many years later will remember this experience.

Traditional home-made decorations include stringing popcorn and cranberries into ropes to hang on the tree. These would be greatly appreciated by the birds and small animals if you hang the ropes outside on the trees. Let nature celebrate Christmas, too.

Choose an evening early in the holiday season to work on your projects. Gather bits of ribbon, lace, beads, glue, fine

wire to use for ties and hangers, and yarn of all colors.

Miniature figures and animals can be purchased to use. You may need to invest in paints and a glue gun the first year. Create a work space where the mess can easily be cleaned. A little pre-planning will make a successful work day.

Cut the molded egg cartons apart for your little ones to make hanging ornaments. They can use crayons or paints. They can glue sparkles on the outside, or hang some-

thing from the inside. Toddlers will enjoy stringing beads into garlands to hang on the tree.

Welcome your guests as they drive up to your house with colorful, large wooden lawn cutouts. This could be a painting project for Dad, Snowman, reindeer, Santas, etc., are great for placement in your yard. They can be bought already cut out — no need to own a jig-saw.

Mom might want to work on a door hanging with holly, berries, Red Birds, etc. Or perhaps a Santa or an angel will

welcome your friends to your home.

Painting a Christmas sweatshirt for each member of your family is another fun thing that can be done together. It is not really hard to do, and think how much fun it will be to all go Christmas shopping wearing look-alike shirts!

It is fun to make your own wrapping paper. Go to the newspaper office and ask for some end-of-the-roll newspaper. Use sponges dipped in paint to create your own designs. They also turn out very attractive wrapping paper using rub-ons and stenciling materials. Even finger-painting can create beautiful designs.

After a few years, the family may graduate to more difficult projects. Painted glass ornaments are beautiful. These can be given as gifts. They can be personalized with names and dates. Reverse painting and basket weaving are loads of fun. These are almost lost arts, but this year the supplies are in the stores for you to enjoy.

Some craft stores offer classes, and all the equipment needed for these decorations.

Michaels Craft Store in Fairview Heights sponsors a Saturday Kids Club for kids five years old and up. They meet every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and many moms and dads enjoy this time out with the kids, too. Registration is needed. Doreen Chambers, event coordinator at Michaels, has many ideas for families and groups. Cost of projects are \$1 or \$2.

On Dec. 18, they are making "One Very Tired Reindeer" between 4 and 5:30 p.m. Cost will be \$5. On Dec. 22, Michaels will offer a "Milk and Cookies Day" from 1 to 3 p.m. Registration for these two events is required.

Crystal & Spice Shoppe in downtown Belleville suggests many small home-made gifts. These may include miniature baskets with a Christmas ornament inside or an assortment of potpourri. Tie together a group of cinnamon stick logs to hang from the tree. They also suggest making a dream pillow. The pillow can be made from a piece of ribbon, stuffed with a special potpourri that soothes and calms the nerves.

Ben Franklin has a store full of craft ideas. Browse and plan your own projects. Be original.

Whether you do the simplest kind of projects, such as the popcorn distribution or looped colored construction rings, or the more advanced craft ideas, the object is for the family to work and play together, building memories.

## Kids shop with mice

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

It's not easy for many youngsters to do their own Christmas shopping.

Most have limited modes of transportation, limited privacy, and limited means.

But the Downtown Collinsville Business Association has the answer with its Mouse House. The children's shopping area will be set up inside ABC Framing and Gifts, 108 E. Main St.

The house has the perfect children's budget: All gifts are \$1 or less. Items range from handmade crafts to jewelry items to assorted knick knacks.

"The idea is to give the kids different things to look at and to let them pick out their own things for mom and dad, grandma and grandpa or whoever they want to buy for," said Billie Garcia, owner of Billie's Odds and Ends and chairman of the event.

The house will be open Dec. 5-6 and 12-13. Friday hours are 4 to 8 p.m. while Saturday hours are noon to 6 p.m.

Anyone who would like to donate new items for the event can bring them to Billie's Odds and Ends, 105 E. Main St., or call Garcia at 344-9812.

Before or after shopping at the Mouse House, youngsters can make another important holiday stop and visit with the jolly man in red. Santa Claus arrives Dec. 7 at Ashmann's Pharmacy, 209 E. Main St. That day he will be present from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On weekdays — Dec. 8-12, 15-19, 22-23 — Santa's hours are 3 to 7 p.m. On Saturdays — Dec. 13 and 20 — hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sundays — Dec. 14, 21 — hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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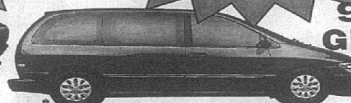
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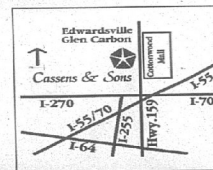
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# NEWS

## Hamm searches for Gardner's successor

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

### MADISON

Madison Mayor John Hamm has announced he will probably not name a replacement for Ward 4 Alderman Kelvin Gardner until after the holidays.

Gardner, 46, was found dead at the scene of a one-car accident on Interstate 55 near Poplar Bluff, Mo. on Nov. 11.

Gardner had gone to Texas the week before to pick up a car which had been disabled and repaired. On Nov. 9 his wife reported him missing. The car was found two days

later in the early afternoon by a Missouri Highway Patrol trooper.

According to MHP reports, Gardner had been north-bound on Interstate 55 about 75 miles south of St. Louis when his car left the road and crashed in a creek bed. The car became airborne and Gardner was ejected from the vehicle.

"I want some time to look around in the community in Ward 4 and make sure I get

me a good hard-working alderman who is committed," Hamm said. "I want to make sure I get somebody who is going to represent the people well, because it's going to be my appointment, (and) the burden is on my shoulders."

He said until the appointment is made, the 4th Ward's other alderman, Norris Horton, would be able to handle things.

"Norris is going to cover the 4th Ward," Hamm said. "He'll be there to represent them 100 percent. Anything they need they can run it through Norris or my office."

## Area businesses will collect toys for children

Two area businesses are sponsoring toy drives for Christmas.

Don's Hardware, 1839 Delmar Ave., and Northwest Financial in Nameoki Village are helping to bring toys to

children. Collections are set up at both locations.

The toy drive has been a Don's Hardware tradition since 1990. The collection runs until Dec. 20. New and used toys can be dropped off, or people

can call 451-7532 to arrange for a pickup.

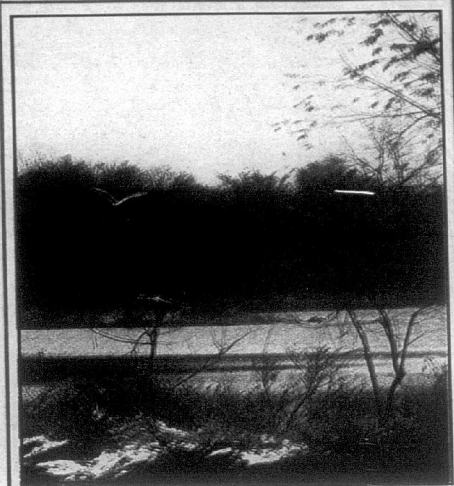
Don's will also be giving away a \$500 cash prize for those who donate toys. The drawing will be on Dec. 22.

Also, Northwest Financial is nationally sponsoring the 1997 Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign.

Bring a new, unwrapped toy to any participating Northwest Financial office before Dec. 19. Toys are needed for children of all ages, infant through teenager.

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(Editor's note: The Journal will profile Don's Hardware's toy drive in the Dec. 7 paper.)



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## Wetland scene

A pair of herons flies over the wetlands near the intersection of Interstate 55-70 and Highway 111.

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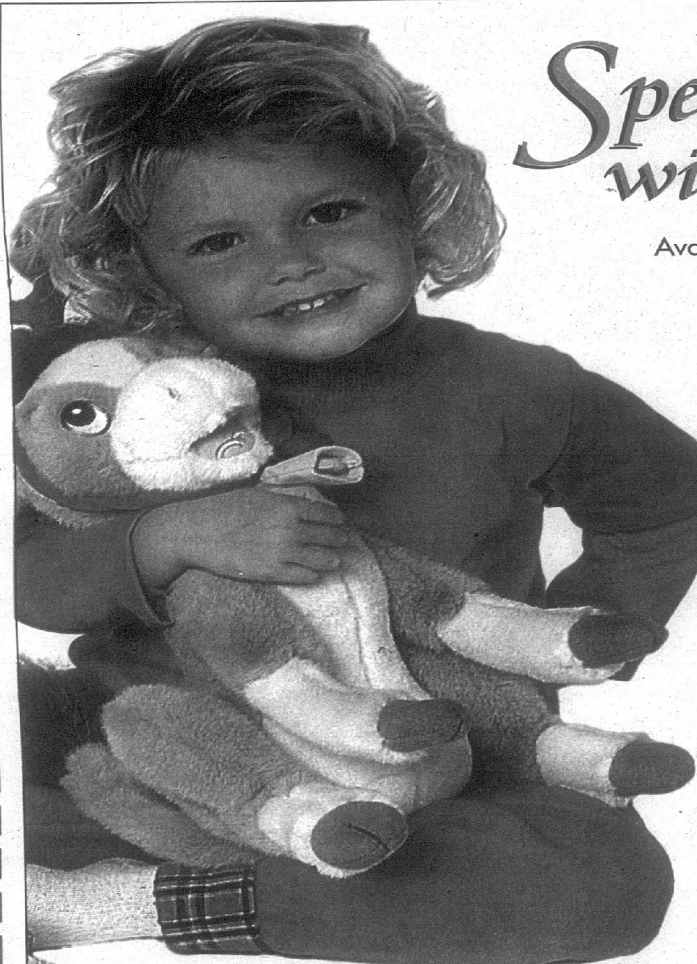
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# Alton tourney ends in three-way tie

## Granite City ends up knotted with Cahokia; Alton; Madison's Baker unanimous pick for tourney MVP

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Maurice Baker of Madison led a bevy of talented players named to the All-Tournament Team at the Alton River Bend Tip Off Classic.

Joining Baker, who was a unanimous pick for Most Valuable Player, were Dustin Brewer, Chris Tindall and Zack May of Granite City; Jake Harmon, Jamon Wheeler and Patrick Bearn of Alton; DeMarcus Brown and Darren Goodwin of Cahokia; and Taurus Granderson and Floyd Cruz of Springfield Lanphier.

Baker, a 6-foot-1 forward for the Trojans, averaged nearly 24 points an outing in the five-game affair, easily out-distancing the tournament's next highest scorer, Brewer, a 6-5 power forward for the Warriors, turned in an impressive week's worth of work, leading Granite City in scoring and rebounds, and anchoring a tough-as-nails defense.

Yet, despite their sterling performances, neither Brewer nor Baker would talk about themselves. Instead, their talk centered on their respective teams.

"The important thing is the team," said Baker. "We've got a very inexperienced team right now, but they really came along in this tournament. We're getting better with each game. I've got to do more than I did last year — the coaches want me to and the team needs me to. These younger players get pumped up when they see me doing more things. I

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think my team is coming together right now. The way we've played the last three games is encouraging. I'm positive about the team and about the season."

If Baker sounds more like a coach than a player, there is good reason.

"He's the coach on the floor," said Al Collins, the Madison mentor. "You can't give him enough accolades. He's a super, super kid, an all-around great player. He's the whole works — everything you could want in a basketball player. He does everything well. He gets the other players involved. He raises their level of play. He is a true team leader. In fact, he is the ideal player. He's the player you want on the team to help you rebuild."

Brewer also liked what he saw of the Warriors this past week.

"We're starting to click a little bit now, after a rocky start," he said. "Everybody's coming together. We're starting to play as a team. We don't have just one or two guys on the team that can play. There's ten of us. We have a lot of depth. Everyone who sits on the bench can play and produce. It's fun playing with that many good players on the team."

Brewer got the second-most points among a pool of coaches and media personnel for the all-tournament team, trailing only Baker in the final tally.

The final tournament standings showed a three-way tie at the top, with Granite City, Cahokia and Alton all standing 4-1. Madison finished 2-3, Springfield Lanphier was 1-4, and Jerseyville lost all five games, but was competitive over its last two.

Granite City, Cahokia and Madison made good showings, while John VanBuskirk, Roscoe Dowell and Al Collins respectively proved to be among the best bench coaches in the Metro East.

Collins' Trojans struggled early as Baker tried to lead the charge by himself. But two games in, with Collins working his magic, Madison looked like an entirely different team, with all five players on the floor involved in the offense and with the Trojans able to hurt opponents from several different positions.

With a break, Madison would have been 3-2 against some top-flight competition.

"I'm happy," said Collins. "This is a rebuilding year, and I'm pleased with the way things have gone in the first five games."

Cahokia stormed out of the gate to four big wins — the closest being a 14-point conquest of Granite City — and had a huge third quarter lead against Alton in the tournament finale before the Redbirds came streaking back to claim a 79-78 win.

The Comanches averaged 72 points per game for the tournament and served notice that they will be a serious force in



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESS)

Granite City's Dustin Brewer drives in for two points during the Alton River Bend Tip Off Classic.

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# Granite grows stronger in tournament

## Warriors held off Trojans

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Walter Bursey missed two free throws with 3 seconds to play allowing Granite City to escape with a 43-41 win over Granite City, Saturday morning at the Alton River Bend Tip Off Classic.

Maurice Baker, with 22 points, was one of only three Trojans to score in the game as the Granite City defense held a trio of Madison starters scoreless.

After a Matt Pistorius field goal to start the game, Bursey countered with a 3-pointer and Baker followed with a steal and breakaway layup. Zack May's charging foul gave the Trojans the ball with a 5-2 lead.

But the Warriors steadied themselves and fought back to 10-8 first quarter lead. They went ahead by five (13-8) early in the second quarter, only to have Madison battle back to a 17-17 tie with 4 minutes remaining.

GCHS reeled off nine straight points before Baker's jumper with 11 seconds left cut the halftime margin to 26-19.

"We played very well in the first half, especially in the second quarter," said Granite City coach John VanBuskirk.

Brewer had eight rebounds by intermission and Tindall had two to go with a pair of blocked shots.

The Trojans scored seven of the third quarter's first nine points to draw within two (26-26) with 5:16 to play. The Warriors moved promptly back in front by four and were ahead 34-30 at the quarter break.

Zack May's 22-footer at 7:37 of the fourth quarter gave Granite a 37-30 lead, but was the last field goal the Warriors would hit over the next 3 and 42 seconds. In the mean-

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESS)

Granite City's Zack May fires a shot over a Cahokia defender before May falls to the gym floor during action at the Alton River Bend Tip Off Classic. Cahokia handed Granite City its only defeat at the tourney and May made the all-conference squad.

## Warriors put together strong third quarter to defeat Jerseyville

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

If the Granite City Warriors played every quarter the way they did the third quarter against Jerseyville in the Alton River Bend Tip Off Classic, they might never lose a game.

GCHS hit six of seven shot attempts, both free throw attempts, and forced the Panthers into six turnovers to take a 43-33 lead at the end of three quarters, after Jerseyville had led 26-25 at the half.

Play was nearly even the entire first half, as the score was tied four times and the lead changed hands on 10 occasions. Jerseyville scored a pair of baskets in the last 45 seconds to take a one-point lead at intermission.

The game was tied at 31-31 with 3:43 left in the third quarter when a Zack May 3-pointer ignited a 12-2 run by the Warriors, who actually scored the last nine points of the frame.

The closing flurry put the Panthers in a hole from which they were never able to extricate themselves.

May's free throws to start the fourth quarter gave Granite City 11 straight points and a 45-33 lead. The advantage grew to 15 before a series of Panthers scores — tallied against the Granite City bench inside the last minute — cut the final margin to seven.

Dustin Brewer once more paced the Warriors, popping in a game-high 14 points and garnering a game-high six rebounds. May had 10 points to go along with two assists, while Tim Wallace came off the bench to hit for 10 points and grab a pair of key rebounds.

Others Warriors to score were Matt Pistorius (6 points), Juanell Goodwin (5 points), Chris Tindall (4 points) and Rocky Smith (3 points). Tindall grabbed four boards and had two steals, while Pistorius picked up four rebounds.

"Tim Wallace stepped it up big for us tonight," said Granite City coach John VanBuskirk. "He played that way early last season, then was injured and never really regained his form. But we knew what he could do, and you saw it tonight. He made the difference in both our games today."

(The Warriors had earlier edged Madison 43-41.)

"I think we played only about four good minutes against Jerseyville," VanBuskirk added. "We have two assists in these first five games to play to the level of our competition. That's not a good habit to get into. It's easy to get bit when you play like that."

The win gave the Warriors a 4-1 record in the tournament, including four wins in succession after an opening game loss to Cahokia. The Comanches and host Alton also finished at 4-1, creating a three-way tie for the tournament title.

"We're 4-1 and I've got a smile on my face," said VanBuskirk with a huge grin. "We may not have played as well as I would have liked in our last two games, but I'm not complaining. We're thrilled to be 4-1 against the type of competition we faced here this week. We're real happy."

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— John VanBuskirk  
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# Maniacs complete unbeaten season

## Team wins Granite Park District crown in Ponytail Atom Division

The Maniacs softball team completed the 1997 season with a perfect 14-0 record in the Ponytail Atom Division of the Granite City Park District softball league.

Following an undefeated regular season, the Maniacs won their play-off games by scores of 23-3 and 14-7. For the season, the Maniacs scored 326 runs and had a team batting average of .667.

Other highlights of the season for the Maniacs included:

- A mother-daughter softball game on Aug. 7, which the girls won 11-0.
- The Maniacs had a family swim party at the Wilson Park swimming pool. An awards ceremony preceded the pool party and each member of the team received an individual trophy.

Members of the Maniacs softball team are Kayla Benham, Carey Burton, Jesse Costello, Michelle Costello, Brittany Davison, Tasha Dittamore, Ashley Drury, Taylor Hay, Kelsey Johnson, Samantha Jones, Kelli Laub, Lauren

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Members of the Maniacs softball team (from right to left) are: In front—Kayla Benham, Tasha Dittamore, Taylor Hay, Samantha Jones, Kelsey Johnson and Michelle Costello; Middle—Brittany Davison, Ashley Drury, Amy Stidham, Lauren Merz, Kelli Laub, Carey Burton, Jesse Costello, Lauren Stovall; In back—coaches Ed Williamson, Keith Burton, Kerry Johnson and Pat Dittamore.



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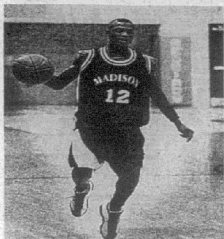
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# Trojans finish tournament on positive note



By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

After starting the Alton River Bend Tip Off Classic with a pair of lopsided losses, Madison finished on a positive note, winning two of their last three games, including a 58-53 win over Springfield Lanphier on Saturday evening.

"I really feel good," said

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Madison's Maurice Baker was selected the tournament most valuable player.

Madison coach Al Collins. "I didn't want to come out of here with an 0-5 record, which could easily have happened with a group of inexperienced kids. We finished 2-3, and with a break or two against Granite City, we could have been 3-2. I'm very happy."

Against Lanphier, the Trojans scampored to a 7-0 lead and were ahead 16-4 with 3:51 to play in the first quarter when Maurice Baker picked up his second foul. Collins quickly yanked his star player, keeping him on the bench until the start of the second half.

"There was no doubt in my mind that we had to get Mau-

rice out of there," said Collins. "We couldn't afford to have him foul out like he did against Alton. I would have pulled him regardless of the score. The other players did a good job after Maurice went out. They hung in there. They did the job. We only lost like five points in the exchange. I'm proud of them. I was hoping they could hang on, and they did."

Madison lost ground with Baker on the bench but still held an 18-12 lead at the first break. The lead was seven points (30-23) at the half.

Baker missed his first two

shots of the second half as the Lions clawed their way back to a 30-30 tie with 5:25 to play in the period. But Walter Bursey's trey made it a three point game, and the Trojans held a 46-42 edge after three.

Lanphier started fast in the fourth quarter, using a 9-2 spurt to take a 51-48 lead at the 4:28 mark. But Bursey and Baker both earned 23-footers to give the Trojans a 54-51 lead they would never relinquish.

"Maurice came up big at the end, after sitting out more than a quarter-and-a-half," beamed Collins. "And Walter Bursey played a great game. He was cool and calm and in

control. He just relaxed and let it flow, like we've been trying to get him to do. He really worked hard. He was fired up and really wanted to do well. He did and I am very proud of him."

Bursey and Baker each hit for 17 points, while Brandon Hall chipped in with 12. Baker, despite playing just over 20 minutes, also grabbed six rebounds, and four steals and dished out three assists.

Baker finished the week as the tournament's leading scorer, netting 118 points in five games for an average of 23.6 per game.

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time, Baker hit twice and Bursey once to pull Madison within 39-38 at the 5:20 mark.

May's clutch steal and subsequent layup inched the Warriors ahead 41-38 with 3:55 to play. Chris Henley's trey knotted things at 41-41 with 3:11 remaining, but another basket by May gave the Warriors a 43-41 lead just 2:52 from the horn.

Baker drew iron on a 3-point

attempt with 46 seconds to play and Tindall skied to pull down the clutch rebound. Tim Wallace missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity at the 12-second mark, but Bursey countered with a pair of misses six seconds later, and the Warriors had the win.

"We should have taken that. We let that one get away," said Madison mentor Al Collins. "It was a fantastic game, though. Our kids played tough. Our kids got up off the floor after the first two games and

played like they are capable of playing. We're going to get better."

VanBuskirk thought the Warriors came out a little flat against Madison.

"We were coming off a very big win against Alton the night before," said VanBuskirk. "We were down just a little. That's human nature, especially with young kids."

"Madison has an outstanding player in Maurice Baker," VanBuskirk added. "We had to pay so much attention to him that some of our other kids hurt us. We just got so carried away with Baker that we forgot to do some of the things we're good at."

Baker had four rebounds, two assists and two steals to go along with his game-high 22 points. Henley scored 10 and Bursey 9.

For the Warriors, Pistorius

## Tourney

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the Metro East and southern Illinois this season.

"Hopefully, our kids learned something from the loss to Alton," said Dowell. "It was a game they know they should have won. I hope it makes us a better team. We want to use this as a springboard for the rest of the season."

Granite City was far-and-away the tournament's top defensive team, allowing opponents a meager 49.8 point each game. Madison was next best, allowing an average of 58.6 an outing.

Alton's Redbirds entered their game against the Warriors averaging 84 points per game, but were held to 44 by Granite's tight and tenacious 1-2 zone and diamond-and-T full-court press. Only one

team, Cahokia, scored more than 45 points against the Warriors' iron curtain.

Granite City's win against Alton, ranked 25th in the Associated Press preseason high school poll, was the crowning moment in the Warriors' week. VanBuskirk had his team looking better and stronger as the week wore on, and will have his team ready for South-

western Conference competition, which gets underway on Friday, when the Warriors travel to Edwardsville.

Originally, a tie-breaker system was in place in case of a two- or three-way tie for the tourney title.

But, in the end, tournament officials decided in favor of a three-way tie.

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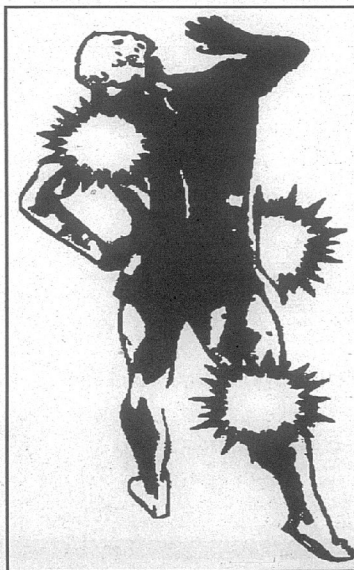
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Jerseyville	0-5
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Nov. 26	
Galesburg 86, East St. Louis 56	
Aurora West defeated Peoria Woodruff	
Nov. 28	
Aurora West 58, East St. Louis 37	
Galesburg 65, Peoria Woodruff 47	
Nov. 29	
Galesburg 55, Aurora West 33	
East St. Louis 53, Peoria Woodruff 51	
Final Standings	
Galesburg	3-0
Aurora West	2-1
E. St. Louis	1-2
Woodruff	0-3

PREP SPORTS STANDINGS	
METRO EAST HOCKEY	
Southern Division	
Team	Conf Overall GF GA
Granite City	1-31 2-91 14 4
Collinsville	2-10 2-10 10 9
Bellefonte West	1-10 2-10 11 5
Alton	0-0 0-0 0 1
O'Fallon	0-1 1-1 7 7
Cahokia	0-0 0-0 0 0
Bellefonte East	0-0 0-0 0 11
Northern Division	
Team	Conf Overall PF PA
Roxana	1-0 2-0 10 10
Alton	1-0 1-0 9 0
St. Louis SW	0-0 0-0 0 0
Marquette	0-0 0-1 4 5
Edwardsville	0-0 0-1 1 4
Wood River	0-1 0-1 0 1
Civic Memorial	0-1 0-1 2 5
GIRLS HOOPS STANDINGS	
Southwestern Conference	
Team	Conf Overall
Edwardsville	0-0 1-0
Alton	0-0 1-1
Bellefonte West	0-0 0-0
Bellefonte East	0-0 0-1
Collinsville	0-0 1-4
Granite City	0-0 0-3
E. St. Louis	0-0 0-3
Mississippi Valley	
Team	Conf Overall
Waterloo	0-0 3-1
Triad	0-0 0-0
Highland	0-0 0-0
Civic Memorial	0-0 0-1
Massachusetts	0-0 0-4
Jerseyville	0-0 0-5
Cahokia	
Team	Conf Overall
Breese C.	0-0 5-0
Carlyle	0-0 1-0
Columbia	0-0 2-0
Lebanon	0-0 1-0
Red Bud	0-0 0-0
Dupo	0-0 1-2
Marissa	0-0 0-0
Wescinn	0-0 0-1
Freeburg	0-0 0-2
New Athens	0-0 0-4
South Seven	
Team	Conf Overall
Centralia	0-0 4-0
Cahokia	0-0 4-1
O'Fallon	0-0 2-2
Independents	
Team	Overall
Gibault	4-0
Roxana	3-0
ME Lutheran	2-1
Mater Dei	2-2
Lincoln	0-0
Althoff	0-0
Chawville	0-0
Valmeyer	1-2
Wood River	1-2
Madison	0-0



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BOYS HOOPS STANDINGS	
Southwestern Conference	
Team	Conf Overall
Alton	0-0
Granite City	0-0
Bellefonte West	0-0
Bellefonte East	0-0
Edwardsville	0-0
Collinsville	0-0
E. St. Louis	0-0
Mississippi Valley	
Team	Conf Overall
Waterloo	0-0
Triad	0-0
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ME Lutheran	2-1
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Madison	0-0

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## ORGANIZATIONS

## Church Women United

Helen Todoroff opened the Church Women United monthly meeting on Oct. 3 at Holy Family Church Community Center. Millie Clements led the devotion: "If you say you can or can't, you're right." Annabelle Patton and Doris Anderson provided the refreshments. A new member, Shirley Jansen from Holy Family Church, was

introduced. She spoke of the Koch Family Center program at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, which aids those who are unable to provide health insurance for their families.

CWU voted to give \$100 toward a Nov. 19 soup and bread dinner at Holy Family. A letter of tanks was received from the group's donation to Good Samaritan Home for the homeless, which will soon open in Granite City.

Reports from chairpersons for

the many projects of CWU were given, among the m the result from the CROP walk held Oct. 19, of which the group hoped \$5,000 was received from the pledges.

On Nov. 7, CWU held the World Community Day at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Madison. The Christmas Party will be Dec. 5 at Holy Family Church Community Center. Registration is at 11 a.m., potluck luncheon at 11:30. The crafts and auction will begin at 12:30 p.m.

## Retired Federal Employees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1067 met Nov. 11 at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City. Lunch was served to 34 members.

Willard Messer gave the invocation, and members said the Pledge of Allegiance. President Katherine Shockley called the

meeting to order. The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. Helen Martin read the treasurer's report, approval subject to audit.

The nominating committee — Becky SLate, Elmer Ebricht and Willard Messer — nominated Vee Throne for president and Melba Wobbe for vice president, Alpha Barnhart for secretary and Helen Martin for treasurer. They were all unanimously elected to office.

Service officer Georgina McKillan said everyone should read all notices concerning their insurance during open season, and those needing assistance should call her at 876-7923.

There were two new members

(See GROUPS, Page 5B)

## MILESTONES

George Strubberg celebrated his birthday Nov. 25.

Wayne Strubberg celebrated his birthday Nov. 29.

Jill Briggs Farmer celebrated her birthday Nov. 29.

Leroy and Cynthia Pryor Jr. celebrated their wedding anniversary Nov. 30.

Katelynn Nicol Skipper celebrated her birthday Nov. 30.

Melinda Lewis celebrated her birthday Nov. 30.

F. Darlene Strubberg celebrated her birthday Nov. 30.

Cecil and Pauline Voyles celebrated their anniversary Nov. 30.

Terri R. Kofahl celebrated a birthday Nov. 30.

Mike Baker celebrated his birthday Nov. 30.

Randy and Paula Werner celebrated their wedding anniversary Dec. 1.

Lindsay Rujawitz celebrated a birthday Dec. 1.

Charles and Linda Dowdy celebrated their wedding anniversary Dec. 1.

Paula J. Cox celebrated her birthday Dec. 1.

Beth Dittman celebrated her birthday Dec. 1.

Michael Derr celebrated his birthday Dec. 2.

Scott Wilson celebrates his birthday today, Dec. 3.

Lori Reed celebrates her birthday today, Dec. 3.

Richrad Dean Wells will celebrate his birthday Dec. 4.

Chris Carney will celebrate a birthday Dec. 4.

Linda Kudelka will celebrate a birthday Dec. 4.

Oam Rowlett will celebrate a birthday Dec. 4.

Rich H. Slay will celebrate his birthday Dec. 5.

Anthony Lee "Tony" Evans will celebrate his birthday Dec. 5.

Debbie Hay will celebrate her birthday Dec. 5.

Robert R. Lewis will celebrate his birthday Dec. 6.

Elizabeth Elkman will celebrate her birthday Dec. 6.

Fred G. Delmer will celebrate his birthday Dec. 6.

Nancy Sue Padgett will celebrate her birthday Dec. 6.

To submit an item for Milestones, drop a post card to "Milestones," 1815 Delmar, Granite City, IL 62040. Please include a telephone number for verification purposes.

Also, keep in mind that we will run birthdays and anniversaries each year unless we are contacted and asked to take the item off the list. So please contact us if a person you submitted for milestones passes away, or no longer wants to be included in the listing.

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## Groups help woman hook up to computers

She's visually impaired, and her ability to get around is temporarily limited by diabetes, but it would be hard to find a more optimistic person than Roberta Kulier of Granite City.

Kulier, 53, recently obtained her teacher recertification. Before returning to the classroom, however, she felt she needed to be computer literate. For someone who is legally blind, access to a computer can be a \$5,000 obstacle, so Kulier turned to nonprofit groups for help.

She applied to Opportunities for the Blind, a Maryland-based group that has given away more than \$700,000 in direct financial assistance. The organization provided a \$1,000 challenge grant, contingent upon Kulier raising the rest of the money from other sources. Within Granite City, she received support from the Granite City Lions Club, Aerle 1126 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Triple Lodge 835 of the Masonic Order.



Roberta Kulier with the computer nonprofit groups helped purchase.

Still short of funds, the Granite City Lions helped Kulier contact the Lions in surrounding areas. Favorable response came from the clubs in Alton, Bethalto, Edwardsville, Highland and Pontoon Beach.

Today, Kulier is hard at

work on her new computer, which is equipped with an enlarged screen for her needs. She is quick to acknowledge that this would never have been possible without the help of so many from far and near.

## Groups

(Continued from Page 4B)  
at the November meeting: George and Sue Girmine. Dues notices from national will be sent two months before the expiration date. When a member reaches 85 years of age and has been a member for 20 years, he or she automatically becomes an honorary life member, but chapter dues must still be paid. There will be a Christmas party with an exchange of gifts at the December meeting. The next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 9.

## Retired Teachers

Granite City Retired Teachers Local 743 are invited to attend a luncheon at 11 a.m. Thursday at Ralph & Charlie's Restaurant. President Jerry Rhodes will conduct a short business meeting after lunch. Contact R.A. Cottrell at 877-1080 immediately if you are interested in attending.

## Christian

## Women's Fellowship

The November meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship was held Nov. 6 at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson road.

On Oct. 28 four members of the CWF — Myra Parrish, Lena Seltzer, Dorothea Rivenburgh and Helen Stumpe — attended the Area CWF Assembly held at Centennial Christian Church in St. Louis.

Lena Seltzer and Doris Edwards prepared a basket of goodies to be auctioned off (along with baskets from other churches) at the Church Women United Christmas Part Dec. 5, at Holy Family Community Center.

The CWF voted to send \$20 to the Community Choir to help pay for the music for their Christmas program on Dec. 6-7. Nancy Connolly and Doris Edwards will be singing in the choir.

Dorothea Rivenburgh led the program and worship on the

work of the church in Bolivia. Those present at the meeting were Betty Ebrecht, president; Dorothea Rivenburgh, Beth Minus, Sylvia Stuart, Lena Seltzer, Mildred Reas, Margaret Kacera, Ruby Hart, Charis Novovic, Jo Stephens, Ruth Leik, Doris Edwards, Myra Parrish, Helen Stumpe and the Rev. Caren Cullen.

## Eta Alumnae Chapter

The regular monthly meeting of the Eta Alumnae Chapter, Phi Tau Omega Sorority was held Nov. 5 at the home of Mary Evelyn Yench. Eleven members attended.

Following a brief business session, conducted by president LeVeada Knobbe, lunch was served. Decorations and appetizers were served with a Halloween theme. Card games occupied the afternoon with prizes awarded to everyone present.

Those attending not mentioned above were Frances Hartman, Helen Hoelscher, Dorothy Johannmeier, Millie Jungels, Marguerite Lexow, Elsie Rodell, Van Stuart and Mary Lou Tonslok.

The next meeting will be tonight at the Legacy Club. House officers are in charge of arrangements.

## Young at Heart

Young at Heart senior citizens of Holy Family Catholic Church held its monthly meeting Nov. 17 in the church community center.

The meeting was called to order by president Irma Manning. Sister Jean Patrick led the group in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the October meeting were read by the recording secretary, Cleola Siebert, followed by the treasurer's report given by Cecilia Mance. Corresponding secretary Ann Kovach received a thank-you card from the Elie Eagles and the Concordia Lutheran Church for the memorial in remembrance of Francis Bringer.

Friendship chairperson Mary Rita Ahlers sent get-well cards to Pat Thomas, Jean Francis, Mary Radick, Connie McGee, Lucille Caban and Ann Ruder. Mary Rita Ahlers received a get-well card from the Young at Heart.

Membership chairman Connie McGee reported 76 members in attendance. Attendance prizes were won by Ruby Patton, Katherine Sawicki, Cleo Schnefke, Mary Rita Ahlers, Mary Siebert, Lucille Mossa, Evelyn Richardson, John Danco and Sister Jean Patrick.

St. Mary's Catholic Church will have their annual Snowman's Ball on Dec. 8, price \$13.50, includes dinner and dance. For reservations call Goldie Rozek at 877-3345.

American Association of Retired Persons is sponsoring a trip Dec. 16 on the Admiral price, \$3, including boarding the boat, lunch and a \$5 coupon. Call Pauline Hanson, 877-3320.

Reservations are being taken for the Dec. 14 trip to Steepleville, Mo., to the Mermac Music show. Price, \$24, includes transportation, dinner and show. Cut off date for reservation and payment is Dec. 8.

Irma Manning reminded everyone to bring their canned goods to the December meeting in order to fill Christmas baskets for the needy.

Lucille Caban is taking reservations for the Young at Heart Christmas dinner, Dec. 15; price is \$7, and is for paid members only. Cut off date for reservation and payment is Dec. 8.

Sister Jean Patrick, spiritual advisor, asked members if they would be willing to fill small gift bags to be given to nursing home residents and shut-ins. Gift bags can be returned to the community center on Dec. 12 or Dec. 15.

The next meeting will be the Christmas dinner served at 6 p.m. Dec. 15 with the meeting at 7 p.m.

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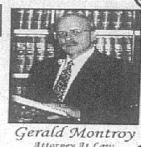
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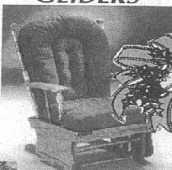
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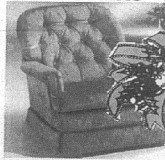
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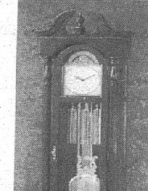
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**NAMEOKI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** will have breakfast with Santa from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Dec. 6, at the church, \$3 for adults, and \$5 for children (photo with Santa included).

**GENERATION JESUS YOUTH GROUP**, led by youth minister, 6 to 8 p.m. every Sunday at Nameoki United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, 2020 Johnson Road, holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45 a.m. every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

**ST. PETER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 2101 Cleveland Blvd. holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and has preschool available. Morning worship services at 10:15 a.m. Nursery available. Everyone is welcome.

## Community

**MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP**, meets at 7 p.m. the fifth Monday of the month. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 878-1360.

**PONTON BEACH'S SECOND ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**, is being held for the residents of Pontoon Beach from 8 to 11 a.m. Dec. 13 at the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens Hall, next door to the Police Department. Sign up at Village Hall, 3910 Hwy. 111, no later than noon today, Dec. 2. You must have reservations.

**MITCHELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** 2 monthly meeting, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, Maryville and Old Alton roads.

## Dance

**MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB (MUSIC)** regular monthly meeting is held every other Sunday evening at the American Legion Hall in Collinsville. Non-members welcome. Dance lessons from beginning to advance are given from 6-8 p.m. Open dancing in the main hall is open from 8-10 p.m. at a cost of \$4 for nonmember and \$2 for members.

**BOOTS & SLIPPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB**, square dance lessons, 7 to 9 p.m. every Monday, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 900 W. Main, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. cost is \$2.50 per person, per lesson. For more information, call 797-5528 or 344-4638.

## Food/Nutrition

**POLISH PIEROGI SALE**, Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church, 830 Reynolds, Madison, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 6. Seven varieties: cabbage, cheese, kraut, potato, sausage and kraut, plum pudding and taco. Special seasonal feature: Whole plum pierogi, \$8 per dozen. Cooked and ready to heat and eat. Order ahead by calling 878-5860, 878-3606, or 931-3367.

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**TOPS 2363**, 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For more information call Bobbie at 452-0273.

**FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS**, 9 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.

**TOPS 2043**, (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m., every Monday, Melvin

Price Support Center in Granite City, 878-2124.

**TOPS IL 845**, 7 p.m. every Monday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102. Men and women welcome.

**TOPS 1699**, (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.; call 797-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

**TOPS IL 2417**, 6 p.m. every Tuesday, Briarcliff Pentecostal Church, 1120 Pontoon Road, Granite City, downstairs. Weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. Anyone age 7 or above with a weight problem is welcome. For more information call Lisa at 931-3622.

## Organizations

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340**, meets at Granite City Township Hall second Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 5 p.m., refreshments served at 6 p.m. All seniors 50 and over are welcome. For information call 877-3020.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP** of Central Christian Church meets at 8:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month for breakfast and fellowship. For more information and/or location of meetings call 931-2098.

**GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN**, meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria, Dinner at 5:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month, 1100 W. Main, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open to the public. For more information call 452-5381 or 451-6914.

**NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN**, third Wednesday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please feel free to bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend a get \$4 off your next lunch at noon Networking.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** of Central Christian Church meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 931-3626.

**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**, a hereditary group for descendants over age 12 of Confederate veter-

ans, meets every third Thursday of every other month at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City. Call 877-3095 for more information.

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION**, for anyone who served in Korea from 1945 to the present, or anywhere during the Korean War Era, (June 1950 to Jan. 1955) is eligible to join. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month.

**NAVY MOTHERS CLUBS OF AMERICA**, meets at 7:30 p.m., second Thursday of each month, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Granite City. Mothers, fathers, daughters, wives or sisters of former and present Navy, Marine, Coast Guard or Sea Bees are encouraged to join. For further information, call 931-2292 or 876-2209.

**THE SARAH AND DORCAS CIRCLES OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meets at 9:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

**THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** of Nameoki United Methodist Church meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information phone, 877-1936.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** will meet at 10 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month, except July, at the Holy Family Community Center.

**MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA** Life Insurance Society meets the last Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City.

**THE JOLLY QUILTERS**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Thursday at the Social Center, 906 Thompage Drive, Mitchell.

**GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND** rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 931-0443.

**GREATER BENEFICIAL UNION OF PITTSBURGH**, District 401, Granite City Council, meets at 8 p.m., first Friday of each month, at Third Baptist Church, 26th Street and Grand Avenue in Granite City. James P. Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7396, and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

**GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR** meets the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

**DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION SOCIETY**, 8 p.m., second Friday of each month, Granite City, 876-7715.

**GRANITE CHAPTER 650 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR** meets the fourth Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

**THE PONTON BEACH JAYCEES** regular meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Sunday of each month, at Ralph and Charlie's Steak House. The meetings are open and the public is invited.

**METRO EAST LANDLORD'S ASSOCIATION** meets the first Monday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in Collinsville.

**CAMERA EXPLORERS CLUB**, Hartford Public Library, 142 W. Hawthorne St., 7 p.m., first Monday of each month, call Beverly Zager, 254-2334.

**ELKETTES**, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, 931-9557, 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month except July and August.

**MADISON COUNTY LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION**, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone in legal field: attorneys, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information call 465-4400.

**MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION**, Granite City unit, noon, first Tuesday of each month, Anchorage Recreation Center. For more information call 876-7026 or 931-3735.

**TRIO UNIT, MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION**, noon, first Tuesday of each month, Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Washburn Ave., Granite City.

**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL** meets the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Shoney's, Highway 157 (#4 Commerce Drive), Collinsville. Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information call 692-6026 or 344-2898.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NARFE)** Chapter 1087 meets the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 11:30 a.m. at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City. For more information call 876-8450.

**BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL**, 3101 Madison Ave., 451-5808, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

**BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS**, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE**, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 4TH DEGREE**, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

**BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS**, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month.

**JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #43** meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

**GRANITE CITY KWANIS** meet at Shoney's at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

The Troy/Maryville/Collinsville chapter of **BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L (BNI)** meets every Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Randy's Restaurant in Troy. For more information, please call Lisa at 667-5540.

**B.U.R.T. Bubblemasters-Underwater-Rescue-Team** meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 4654 Old Alton Road next door to the Mitchell Fire Department in Granite City. Tours are available by appointment, please call 931-8317 or write to the address mentioned above.

**MADISON COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCE ALLIANCE** will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Milenski Room at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Granite City.

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## Schools

**SCHOOL OF METAPHYSICS**, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., every Tuesday, 9459 Roslan Place, St. John, Mo. Classes in applied metaphysics. Call Melaine McManus at 425-0076.

## Seniors

**PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO**, every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., 3910 Illinois 111, Pontoon Beach.

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**FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS**, 9 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCCHIO CLUB** for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Harold Brown Recreation Center, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

**PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS** pot luck dinner the last Saturday of each month, 5 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

**SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB**, meets the first Sunday of the month at the Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. There will be bingo (first Sunday of the month), doors open 12:30 p.m. and refreshments served at 1 p.m. games start at 2 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more details. Every other month on the fourth Monday there is bingo or a dance. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. 6 p.m. light refreshments served, and dance or bingo starts at 7 p.m.

**SOCIAL CLUB**, business meeting, 6 p.m., fourth Monday of every other month, Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall. Dessert is served following

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## HOROSCOPE

**Wednesday, Dec. 3**  
Under the Sagittarian sun and Capricorn moon, ambition and drive are emphasized. The conjunction of the moon and Venus, coupled with a lunar aspect involving Neptune, paves the way for creative connections. People at all levels of artistic development are willing to share secrets and help each other grow. Just ask. Also, love relationships can spring from mentor-student relationships. The moon enters Aquarius this evening.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 3).** Your judgment is superb. Others flock to you for wisdom. Your empathy with kids, lovers and co-workers gives you a boost and puts you in a position of leadership by January. Scrimping and saving through mid-December leads to a huge business windfall in early March. A romance begun in December teaches you that timing is everything. Your best signs are Leo and Aries.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Turn your troubles over to your partner, then sit back and watch them melt away. Don't let worldly worries stop you for a moment. You're on the way up. More socializing and



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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Go ahead and do a little more flirting than usual. It's a lovely time for enjoying friendship or for relieving stress with group therapy. Get plenty of fresh air while walking, running or exercising the dog.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** A lover is coming on strong. You need only say yes or no. An old flame flares up again. You reach an unexpected breakthrough on a project you thought was past hope. A compromise settles a dispute.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Time spent alone is sweet. Employee or professional group is the source of a forward career move. Help a

friend this afternoon. A different approach is eye-opening. Try all the angles in selling an idea.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Give employees a chance to air their grievances. Your point of view is in demand. Make time for children. Money you've lent is repaid. If you find you are still hesitant to commit, it's time to get the help of a third party.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Get a clear perspective on romantic problems by agreeing to spend private time with your loved one. A new acquaintance turns into a valuable ally. Spend money wisely. Extravagance does not solve your problems.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Give in to a small temptation to avoid a larger one. An old relationship has a new twist. Prepare for a journey. A source of tension between you and a lover calls for flexibility. Your advice proves to have been sound.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** A romance is picking up speed. Children have a surprise for you tonight. You have earned the trust of an important person. A rendezvous with

a loved one could turn sour.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Family needs will fire your ambitions. Expect others to stand behind you and they will. Avoid making split-second decisions. Jump at a chance to take a little trip.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** An employment opportunity is yours for the asking. A strong relationship with a Virgo is important. Legal details concerning property ownership are pertinent.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Community involvement is emphasized. Take a leadership role and your project is more viable in the end. Be bold with friends who have a tendency to take advantage of you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** A new lover is getting more serious. Make plans for the future. A bank error is in your favor. Get behind the ideas of a family member, even if you are skeptical. People truly need your support now.

## 'Midnight' doesn't come quickly enough

By Ronnie Roy  
Staff writer

"Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil" is a long title. But then, it's a long movie. Clint Eastwood directs this engaging tale of oddballs and murder set in Savannah, Ga., and based on the best-selling novel by John Berendt.

John Cusack stars as John Kelso, a not-too-successful writer from New York, on assignment with Town and Country magazine to cover a Christmas party held each year for the upper crust of Savannah by Jim Williams (Kevin Spacey). Williams is an antiques dealer and collector, and his home, Meru House, is as much museum as it is mansion.

After shots ring out at the mansion during the party, Kel-

### AT THE MOVIES

so begins his investigation into the murder and the relationship between Williams and Hanson.

Along the way he runs into practically every eccentric in Savannah, including The Lady Chablis (starring as herself), a transvestite singer-performer with ties to Hanson.

"Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil" is an engrossing tale that could have been improved by cutting down its 2½-hour length.

Cusack and Spacey deliver their usual solid performances, but the standout star of the show is The Lady Chablis. Her screen time with Cusack is especially good.

## MOVIE SCHEDULES

Film timetable for Wednesday, Dec. 3. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check with local theaters.

**CARMIE PETITE**  
170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill.  
344-1708  
Anastasia (G) 7:15, 9:15  
The Rainmaker (PG-13) 7:00, 9:45  
Alien Resurrection (R) 7:30, 10:00  
Flubber (PG) 7:00, 9:00

**EASTGATE CINE**  
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill.  
254-5289  
Flubber (PG) 2:30, 4:45, 7:00  
Starship Troopers (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15  
Alien Resurrection (R) 1:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45  
The Jackal (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:00  
The Little Mermaid (G) 2:00, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00  
Anastasia (G) 2:15, 4:30, 6:45

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The Jackal (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50  
Bean (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40  
Flubber (PG) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15

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2600 Target Drive, 822-4900  
Starship Troopers (R) 12:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:35  
Mortal Kombat 2 (PG-13) 12:10, 2:10, 4:15, 6:20  
Mortal Kombat 2 (PG-13) 1:10, 3:10, 5:15, 8:20  
Devil's Advocate (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05  
Alien Resurrection (R) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55  
Alien Resurrection (R) 1:05, 3:30, 5:55, 8:25  
The Jackal (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50  
Bean (PG-13) 1:30, 3:05, 5:10, 7:25, 9:35  
Eve's Bayou (R) 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15  
The Rainmaker (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00  
The Man Who Knew Too Little (PG) 12:20, 2:30  
I Know What You Did Last Summer (R) 4:45, 7:10, 9:30  
Flubber (PG) 12:40, 2:55, 5:05, 7:15, 9:25

Soul Food (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:20, 8:30  
Anastasia (G) 12:35, 2:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:05

**NAMEOKI CINEMA**  
30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630  
Kiss The Girls (R) 7:15  
The Man Who Knew Too Little (PG) 6:45

**ST. CLAIR 10**  
50 Ludwig Drive, 388-8383  
Bean (PG-13) 1:35, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35  
The Rainmaker (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 9:15  
The Rainmaker (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:15  
Alien Resurrection (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45  
Alien Resurrection (R) 2:45, 5:45, 8:15, 9:45  
Red Corner (R) 1:05, 4:30, 7:05, 9:35  
I Know What You Did Last Summer (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:45  
Mad City (PG-13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 9:35  
Mortal Kombat 2 (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:10  
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Featured soloists include pianist Lisa Neal, baritone Matt Hoffman, tenor Jeffrey Freuler, bass Shawn Nease, organist and pianist Jeannine Tiemann, soprano Lori McCann, who is an assistant professor of music at SIUE, flautist Sony Auguston and trumpeters James Harkey and Jeffrey Freuler.

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Starship Troopers (R) Mon.-Thurs. 4:20 7:15  
Flubber (PG-13) Mon.-Thurs. 4:45 7:00  
Alien Resurrection (R) Mon.-Thurs. 5:00 7:30  
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The Jackal (R) Mon.-Thurs. 4:00 7:10

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The meeting, games and bingo are played at 7 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more details.

**PONTOON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS**, meeting, third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

### Support Groups

**SINGLES CONNECTION** upcoming events are: Shrimp for a quarter and other food at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 at East Eddie's Bon Air Tavern, 1530 E. 4th and Broadway. RSVP to Kathy S., 346-1953. Christmas shopping at the mall. Meet at 6:30 or 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at St. Clair Square Upper Level Famous Bar mall entrance. RSVP to Cheryl, 656-7005. Kimswick Christmas Walk, with caroling, carriage rides, shopping, food and more in Kimswick. Meet at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Collinsville Kmart parking lot to carpool. RSVP to Sandy, 344-1393. Food at Spaghetti Factory and see Christmas lights at Tilles County Park. Meet at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at Collinsville Kmart to carpool. RSVP to Frank, 876-4315. Sports fans join us at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at Sharky's in Collinsville for dinner, a game of pool or watch the game on TV. For

directions or to RSVP, call John R. at 288-9127. Walleyball at the Edwardsville YMCA at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9. Cost is \$3 for three hours of play. Call Frank at 876-4315.

**SINGLES ALIVE CHRISTIAN SINGLES GROUP**, for all denominations upcoming events are: no activities are planned but there is a gospel concert at Lewis and Clark College Nov. 22, sponsored by Lighthouse Productions. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING-GATEWAY SOUNDS CHORUS**, 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Collinsville Senior Citizen Center, 420 E. Main, Collinsville. For more information, call Joyce Greiner at 399-8853.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** (women only), 8 p.m., every Tuesday, Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, (800) 307-6800.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, 8 p.m., every Tuesday, St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 692-8078.

**OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP**, 2 to 4 p.m., fourth Tuesday of every month, Pascal Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3167.

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## NEWS

### Safety is good gift

By Kimberly Haas  
Staff writer

What is the best Christmas present you can give yourself and others? Personal safety.

During the busy Christmas holidays, the key shopping tip is to be aware of your surroundings, Fairview Heights Police Capt. Mike King said.

"Be aware of your surroundings and property. Don't make yourself a victim by going against your senses," King said.

If something or someone appears suspicious, King said to call the local police department or the shopping center's security office and have them check it out.

In addition, King offers these safety tips:

- Shop in pairs. In addition, carrying a whistle or other attention attracting device could be useful in case of trouble.

Park in an area that is well-lit. Even if you enter the store in the daylight, check to make sure the area will be lit at night, should you be in the store for a long period of time. Also, orientate your-

self with the area, using signs and other landmarks as guides back to your parking space.

If you are going to have many packages and plan to continue shopping, make a special trip out to your vehicle and place them in the trunk. Consequently, you will have more control and will be able to access your keys with one hand. You should also have your keys in hand before leaving the store.

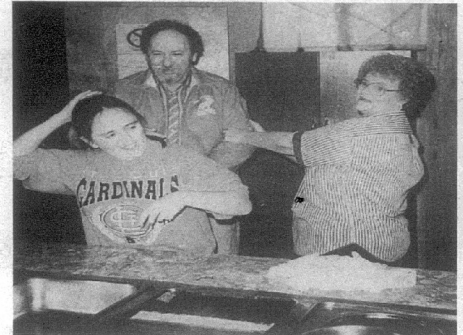
Once at your vehicle, check in the backseat to make sure no one is in the car. Also, check to make sure there are

no suspicious individuals near your vehicle.

While in the store, shoppers should also take the proper precautions with their belongings.

"In the joy of the season, many people lose perspective. They'll set down their checkbooks and credit cards and walk away. If you walk away from them, they're going to be taken and utilized," King said.

For females, the problem can be worse because they will set their purse in a shopping cart and look away for a minute.



The Bi-annual Dinner Dance for the handicapped was Nov. 22 at the Granite City Moose Lodge. The event was in honor of "Pee Wee" Miller, a past member who organized the special occasions seven years ago. The event included a Thanksgiving turkey dinner and a dance. Helping the Moose Dinner and Dance be a success were Jackie Wimberly (front left), Bobby Young and Sylvia Woods.

### Moose dinner



Front row, from left Brownie Troop 291 members Kristy Redman, Krysal Imhoff, Heather Lisac, Melissa Justus, Christine Hoedebeck, Tabitha Smith and leader Mary Hoedebeck. Back row; Mike Schwallier, trustee; Don Vaughn, administrator; Bobby Young, junior governor; Frank Woods Jr., governor; Archie Hill, prelate; and Tim Wimberly, trustee.

Moose governor Frank Wells, Jr. (right in each photo) presents \$500 donations to representatives of Challenge Unlimited (left) and New Opportunities.

## Older workers' numbers increase

Frank Lewis runs the gift shop inside the Kentucky Capitol. He closes each day at 3 p.m., then puts in an hour and a half on the visitor information desk.

He works some weekends, helping to staff weddings and other special events at state-owned Berry Hill Mansion. He also has a part-time job at a local electrical equipment store. In his spare time, Lewis does custom framing at his house. He is 61.

He also is part of a growing population group: men and women who are of retirement age but aren't retired.

In the 1990 census, 466,816 Kentuckians were 65 or older. About one in 10 was still working, for a variety of reasons.

Some needed a job for personal satisfaction. Some needed regular contact with other people. And in a 1995 survey by the Kentucky State Data Center at the University of Louisville, practically all said they needed the money.

"You've got a lot of people who basically don't have a retirement income other than Social Security," Ron Crouch, director of the center, said in an interview. "Social Security is very difficult to live on. It was never really set up to be a retirement income to cover all your expenses."

Lewis said he had only a meager pension when he retired from the Housing Authority of Frankfort in 1978. That by itself was enough to put him back in the job market.

But he also was perpetually active, having given decades of service to church and community. That included disaster relief work for the Kentucky Baptist Convention and 55 years as a leader and volunteer with the Boy Scouts.

Ask Lewis why he works, and he says: "I've got to. I couldn't go home and sit down."

"People are living longer, but they may not be retiring longer," said Taylor Davidson, an issues coordinator for the American Association of Retired Persons - AARP. "A lot of people find retirement is not as fulfilling as

they thought it'd be."

Nor as financially secure.

Crouch said he expected the 65-and-up population to include a steadily increasing percentage of workers as people live longer and the adequacy of pensions becomes more suspect.

"In 1950 the average retirement age was 69, and the average person lived five years in retirement," Crouch said.

"Now the average person is living 20 years in retirement, and we're heading toward a system where people could be living 30 and 40 years in retirement. Can we afford that? That's a reality nobody wants to talk about."

As for pensions, the norm once was "defined benefit." A retiree got so much money per month for life. Today, about three-fourths of new pensions in the United States are called "defined contribution," Crouch said. "When you retire, you get so much a month until the money runs out."

Also, retirement often means an end to or increased cost of insurance for health and prescription medicine, plus the loss or sharp reduction of life insurance.

Green Thumb Inc., an organization that runs older-worker employment and training programs in 44 states for the U.S. Department of Labor, says workers 55 and older were 12.2 percent of the labor force in 1992. The Bureau of Labor Statistics expects them to be 14.2 percent of the labor force by 2005.

To focus attention on an aging work force, Green Thumb, based in Arlington, Va., has launched a search for the country's oldest worker. The promotion also is to include selection of a most-outstanding older worker from each state. Nominees must work at least 20 hours a week.

Crouch said the initiative by Green Thumb and the states "is very important in the sense that, I think the reality is starting to hit more and more people that we've been oversold on retirement."

— Associated Press



# Today's Food

Wednesday, December 3, 1997

## Food & Nutrition

### Wise Ways

Americans caught onto the fun of delicious pineapple upside-down cake early in the country's culinary history.

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### Heart-y Bites

Friends spark Cindy Berner's food creativity and fill her recipe box with tried-and-true ideas.

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### Blue Ribbon Cook

Winning pasta salad is simple to make and holds the aura that it is a dish worthy of a company-coming occasion.

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### Private Label Test Run

Holiday treats can pull out all the elastic in a budget. Do cost-cutting private label chips work?

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### Micro Raves

When decking the halls, remember Fido and Fluffy are residents at the address, too.

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### Lively Taste

Vegetables with a topping that is visually appetizing and flavorful drop the cue to add a glob of high-fat butter or margarine. Here are ways to do it. Whip garlic into potatoes, then top with caramelized onion, made by sautéing sliced onion in a teaspoon of olive oil and a teaspoon of sugar. Whip sweet potatoes or acorn squash, then drizzle a mixture of 2 tablespoons brown sugar, 2 tablespoons ketchup, 2 tablespoons prepared mustard, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce and 1/4 cup pancake syrup on top; broil a few minutes. Mix orange marmalade with a few chopped walnuts and drizzle over hot peas, green beans or broccoli. Sprinkle vegetables with minced fresh parsley.

## Health & Fitness

### Medicine Chest

Older people are more prone to falls, which precipitate multiple problems that lead to less self-sufficiency.

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### Fresh Picks

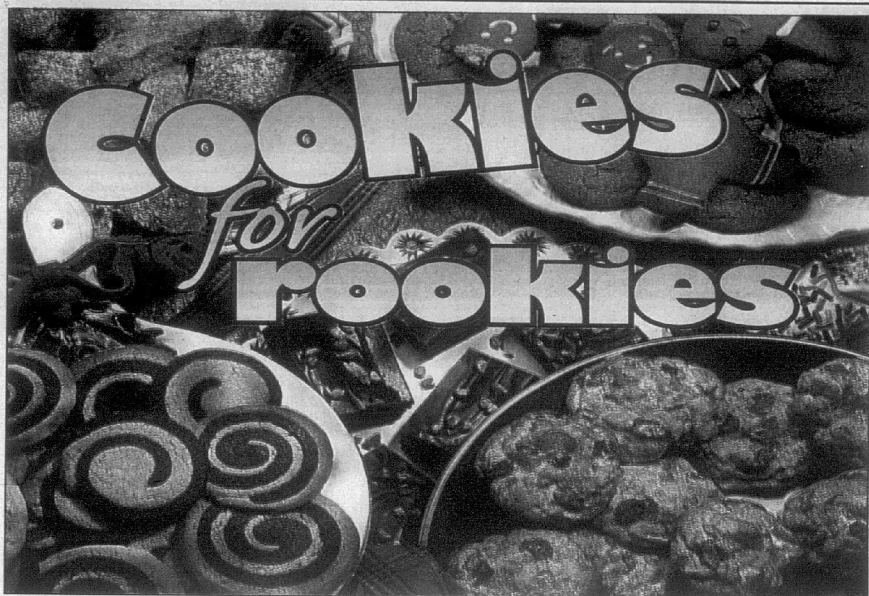
Don't let cranberries bog down the cook. Americans eat about 350 million pounds of them each year. For 2-1/2 cups relish, bring 1 package (12 ounces) fresh cranberries to boil with 1 to 1-1/2 cups sugar, 1-1/2 tablespoons grated orange rind, 3/4 cup orange juice, 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind and 2-1/2 tablespoons lemon juice. Cook 3 minutes or until cranberry skins pop. To make cranberry relish on Fourth of July, freeze a bag of cranberries now. The name "cranberry" comes from the shape of vines blooming in late spring. Dutch and German settlers called them "crane berries," because they resemble the bird's head and bill.

### Big Fat Tip

During holiday parties, don't cut out favorite indulgences entirely. Skip less tempting foods, and savor small portions of what tickles your individual taste buds most. The tenth bite never tastes as rich as the first one, so settle for less and relish every bite. Prepare double batches of favorite lower-fat meals for quick reheating on busy nights or quick take-along lunches that balance out high-calorie foods. Don't wait to get everything done before exercising. Walk around the shopping center before eating lunch or shopping. Fun-loving friends who have a healthy attitude are good to cultivate at holiday time and the rest of the year, too.

### Future Shop

The mall is not only the site for buying clothes. It also serves those who cruise for food. In a survey by the American Dietetic Association, slightly more than half the visitors came to both eat and shop, one-third planned only to shop and just nine percent went solely to eat. Healthier foods common to the top 10 largest U.S. malls in the food court are bagels, veggie pizza, made-to-order sandwiches, baked potatoes, frozen yogurt, bottled water, orange and other juices, and grilled or roasted chicken.



## Fill the jar, one variety at a time, from same mix

By Janice Denham  
Staff writer

Some things go unsaid. One of them is having at least a few homemade cookies at holiday time.

Keeping a dry cookie mix on hand that lends itself to multiple sweet uses is a boon for mixing and baking a batch whenever the mood hits. Lightly mix without compacting it, cover it well and refrigerate or freeze it.

This easy starter may be the opportunity for a new year's resolution as well: "I will not let the cookie jar be empty any time in 1998."

A review of Cookies 101 might be in order for those whose cookie tins have been empty since 1996:

- Start with shiny pans. Do not grease them unless the recipe calls for it. Nonstick cooking spray usually works in place of butter or shortening, unless it calls for heavy greasing. Spray evenly and thoroughly. Clean it before filling the pan with dough again.
- Have ingredients at room temperature.
- Do not sift flour unless told to do so. Do not make it more compact either. Lightly spoon it into a measuring cup and level it off.

- Use standard measuring cups with fractions marked and measuring spoons for both teaspoons and tablespoons. Whatever the measurement, consider it a level amount.
- Although baking powder and baking soda both lighten and lift batter, they are not replacements for each other.
- Do not use diet, whipped or soft butter or mar-

garine in batter.

- "Sugar" in a recipe refers to granulated sugar. "Confectioner's" and "powdered" sugar are the same.

- Preheat oven to temperature specified in the recipe after moving rack to middle position. Bake one sheet at a time. Be alert to uneven baking in an oven.

- If dough is sticky and hard to handle, refrigerate about 15 minutes and try again.

- Use a thin, sharp knife to slice dough before baking.

- The thinner the dough and longer it bakes, the crisper the cookie.

- Leave the oven door closed while cookies bake. Check them at minimum time. Thirty seconds of extra baking time can be an eternity for doneness and browning, so add time cautiously. After removing from the oven, cookies often continue to bake and change form to become more solid.

- Unless otherwise specified, "eggs" in a recipe refer to large eggs.

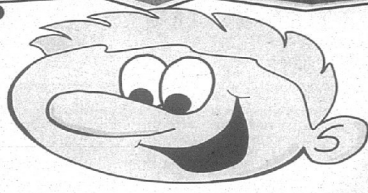
- Let cookies cool completely so they are firm before packing in airtight containers. Place waxed paper between layers of soft cookies.

- These recipes set out cookies on a plate of possibilities. For more recipes, write to: Domino Sugar 1001 Cookie Recipes, P.O. Box 17037, Department C, Hauppauge, N.Y. 11788.

- If they inspire a new favorite, Domino could reward the baker with \$10,000 in groceries and feature the recipe on its sugar bags. To receive official

SEE COOKIES INSIDE TODAY'S FOOD PAGE 2

## Shimmery Vegetable Salad



Like many children now grown, Dawn Hall, author of "Down Home Cookin' Without the Down Home Fat," found vegetables to her liking when they were chilled in gelatin salad. Here is what she calls "a sneaky way to make sure your children eat their vegetables." She likes to serve it with chicken.

In a saucepan, bring 3-1/2 cups water and 1 can (20 ounces) pineapple with its juice to boil: Remove from heat. Stir in 1 package (4 serving size) orange gelatin and 1 package (4 serving size) lemon gelatin -- sugar-free varieties are her choice. Let the mixture cool a couple minutes.

Add 1 cup finely chopped celery, 2 cups shredded carrot and 1 teaspoon cider vinegar. Pour into 13-by-9-inch pan. Refrigerate at least 4 hours.

Spread top with 1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise-type salad dressing.

This makes 15 servings, 41 calories and no fat each.

## Kids Cuisine



# Today's Food

## Private Label Test Run

### Burst of sweetness chips out treats for cookie lovers

Any skepticism of private label chips was turned aside with the test of Flavorite baking chips from Dierbergs Markets.

Four varieties—flavored peanut butter, flavored butterscotch and semisweet chocolate both in regular size and mini chips—were taken home for the true test—among family and friends.

Tester of the regular chocolate chips became a believer. "Although I like many store-brand items, I was skeptical of the chocolate chips. I often do not like pre-mixed cookie mixes or refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough, just because the chocolate chips don't quite measure up. But these chips were great," she said.

She called their "freshness" an asset and liked the "level of semisweetness."

"To have the great taste at a lower price definitely is appealing," she added.

Price of the chips ranges from \$1.59 to \$1.79 for a 12-ounce package.

The semisweet minichips received a simi-

lar assessment. A mom used them in Cowboy Cookies.

"The taste was no different to me than any other chip," she said. "They weren't especially hard or flaky."

For her the discovery that less expensive chips would work as well as national brands was "a bonus" before the holiday season when a budget usually accommodates more sweet cooking ingredients.

Cowboy cookies are loaded with extra ingredients and the tester liked the idea of mini chips so they would soften before baking the cookies so long they burn.

"I didn't think the mini size would make a difference, but they were especially handy for these jam-packed cookies. The small chips were, just as the baby bear says, 'just right,'" she said. Her younger son liked the chips well enough to eat straight from the bag.

Another tester said she keeps Flavorite minichips on hand all the time for using in pancake batter and sprinkling over bar cookies



A bag of flavored chips serves a sweet purpose this time of year in desserts and snacks of all kinds.

and ice cream. She said national brand chips used to look "cloudy" but now they look as good as their name-brand counterparts.

"My mother was ahead of her time because she often chopped chocolate chips for cookies. These minichips are a bargain compared to the national brand. They give a tiny burst of chocolate flavor in more places, so I can use less and get more bang for my dollar and calories," she said.

The tester of peanut butter chips also had positive results.

"The peanut butter chips provided a nice change for a cookie that I usually make with chocolate chips," she said.

She noticed they melted more than the chocolate chips, but she thought this probably is characteristic

of the chip itself and did not find it undesirable.

She said she would buy them, particularly at the price.

"They seem like a good buy and I only needed half the bag for the recipe," she said.

The butterscotch chips offered a greater challenge. "I like the chips. They have a good flavor and texture and melt nicely," said the tester.

Her problem was the recipe for Scotch Melts on the package, which produced hard, dry cookies. She thought eggs may have been missing from the recipe.

As is usually the case with teenage sons, the melts disappeared with glasses of milk anyway—still leaving her very pleased with the chips themselves.

## Cookies

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rules for the contest, which closes April 30, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Domino Sugar Cookie Contest Rules, P.O. Box 656, Sayreville, N.J. 08871-0656.

### SUGAR COOKIE MIX

5 cups flour  
3-3/4 cups sugar  
2 tbsp. baking powder  
2 tsp. salt  
1-1/2 cups plus 2 tbsp. butter or margarine, softened

Spoon flour into measuring cup and level with spatula. Put in large bowl with at least a 4-quart capacity. Add sugar, baking powder

and salt. Stir until mixture is thoroughly blended.

Using pastry blender or clean hands, work butter into dry ingredients until mixture resembles coarse meal.

Store, covered, in airtight container in refrigerator or freezer. Do not press down.

Use mix at room temperature. Spoon lightly into measuring cup. Level with spatula.  
Yields 10 cups mix.

### ORANGE DELIGHTS

2 cups Sugar Cookie Mix  
1/2 cup finely ground almonds  
2 eggs  
1 cup granulated sugar  
2 tbsp. flour  
1 tsp. orange juice  
1 cup grated orange rind  
Confectioner's sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease 8-inch square pan.

Combine cookie mix and almonds. Press into prepared pan.

Bake in preheated oven about 15 minutes. Do not brown.

In bowl, combine eggs, granulated sugar, flour, orange juice and rind. Spread evenly over crust. Bake 25 minutes longer or until top is set.

Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut in squares while warm. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar.  
Makes 16 squares.

### CRANBERRY NUT COOKIES

3 cups Sugar Cookie Mix  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 egg  
1 cup fresh cranberries, coarsely chopped  
3/4 cup chopped nuts  
Additional sugar

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease cookie sheet. Mix together cookie mix, orange rind, cinnamon and egg. Stir in cranberries and nuts.

Form into 1-inch balls. Roll in sugar to coat lightly.

Place 3 inches apart on prepared cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven about 12 minutes until lightly brown around edges.

Remove at once to wire racks to cool.  
Makes about 48 cookies.

### GINGERY SNAPS

4 cups Sugar Cookie Mix  
1 tsp. ground ginger  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 egg  
1/4 cup dark molasses  
Additional sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease cookie sheet.

Combine cookie mix, ginger, cinnamon, egg and molasses.

Drop dough by slightly rounded teaspoonful into small bowl of sugar. Roll to coat. Place 2 inches apart on prepared cookie sheet.

Bake in preheated oven about 15 minutes until done. Do not brown.

Let cool 2 minutes. Remove to rack to cool.

**Gingerbread Men:** Divide dough in half. Chill, covered, at least 1 hour until dough is easy to handle.

Roll dough, half at a time, on floured board until 1/8-inch thick. Cut into shapes, using cookie cutters. Arrange 1-inch apart on greased cookie sheet.

Sprinkle with sugar. Bake in preheated 375 degree oven 8 to 10 minutes. Do not brown. Cool on wire rack.

### SUGAR COOKIES

4 cups Sugar Cookie Mix  
1-1/2 tsp. vanilla or 1 tsp. nutmeg  
1 egg  
Additional sugar

In large bowl, mix cookie mix, vanilla and egg. Divide dough in half. Chill, covered, at least 1 hour until dough is easy to handle.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease cookie sheet. Roll dough, half at a time, on floured board until 1/8-inch thick. Cut in desired shapes, using cookie cutters. Arrange cutouts 1 inch apart on prepared cookie sheet.

Sprinkle with sugar. Bake in preheated 375 degree oven 8 to 10 minutes. Do not brown. Cool on wire rack.

**Variations:** Use colored sugar on top of cookies, or omit sugar and decorate with frosting.

For rolled cookies, use pastry cloth and cloth-covered rolling pin. Rub flour evenly into rolling pin cover and pastry cloth.

**Chocolate Pinwheel Cookies:** Divide dough in half. Add 3 tablespoons cocoa powder to one half. Cover doughs separately and chill.

Roll dough separately on floured board into 2 rectangles about 17-1/4 inch thick. Top one with the other and press together with rolling pin. Roll up lengthwise jellyroll fashion. Chill until firm. Slice 1/8-inch thick. Bake in preheated oven about 6 minutes.

## Blue Ribbon Cook

### Cheese flavor melts into pasta salad

Chris Condon, Ballwin, is winner of this week's recipe contest for Pasta Salad. The prize is dinner certificates from the Pasta House Co.

She came by the dish when a friend in Baltimore shared it. It can be served warm or cold and holds flavors vibrant enough to stand on their own on any buffet table. Her husband is impressed when she serves it on a weeknight, because it seems like it should be company fare. She says the reason has always been her secret: It's easy.

It's time for the Winter Vegetable or Fruit Recipe Contest. A winner will be rewarded each Wednesday during January, so readers of Today's Food have an opportunity to win four times during the month.

The produce counter is full of hard-shell squash, potatoes and other root vegetables, citrus fruits, apples and pears and other items that can inspire entries. When one

#### PASTA SALAD

1/2 can (13-1/2 oz. size) artichoke hearts, chopped  
1 jar (7 oz.) roasted red peppers, chopped  
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley  
2 tbsp. chopped sun-dried tomato  
3 to 4 tbsp. chopped black olives  
1/2 cup olive oil  
1 tsp. red wine vinegar  
3 cloves garlic, crushed  
Freshly ground pepper  
4 oz. feta cheese (preferably tomato and basil flavored), crumbled  
1 lb. uncooked penne pasta

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain. Combine pasta with artichoke, red pepper, parsley, tomato, olives, oil, vinegar, garlic and pepper. Toss with cheese; mixing while pasta is warm contributes to flavor of the cheese through salad, because it melts slightly.

of earlier entry or best compliance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after the prize-winning publication date.

By REBECCA COLEY

## Medicine Chest

### Aging may set up scenario for falls

As people age, their bones lose calcium and become more susceptible to breaking. People lose muscle mass and become less agile. While falls are not limited to the older generation, that age group is less likely to survive a fall without incident.

Medications can predispose one to falls. Most are labeled with a sticker say-

ing the drug may cause drowsiness.

Drowsiness, however, may not be as apparent as loss of coordination. People taking these medications are more likely to fall when getting up quickly or during the middle of the night.

An interesting new study has found a link between older adults who fall and admission to a

nursing home. Over a three-year period, more than 1,000 people were studied by in-depth interviews, their own records of health information and daily logs of any falls. The study also followed their health history and possible admission to a nursing home during this period.

It found the risk of being admitted to a nursing home increased with more records of a fall. Those with one fall who were not injured were nearly five times as likely to be admitted to a nursing home than people who never fell.

This increased to eight times for those who had fallen more than once. What is alarming is the risk increases to nearly 20 times for those who fall and are injured.

This information should send out an alert about falls as people age. Falls can be

associated with osteoporosis, which can be offset, particularly earlier in life—with increased calcium. Falls are often associated with medication, another variable which can be adjusted.

Regular exercise keeps muscles toned and helps maintain bone strength, even in advanced age. Changes in the home, such as non-skid floor coverings and hand rails in the bathroom and on stairs, help prevent falls among those who need a little stability.

Registered pharmacist Rebecca Coley is a board member of the Missouri Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Questions for her to answer in "Medicine Chest" can be e-mailed at rcoley@htsmail.com or sent to: Medicine Chest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

#### MASHED BAKED SWEET POTATOES

Pierce 4 large sweet potatoes, using fork or knife. Bake in preheated 375 degree oven 45 to 50 minutes until soft. Cool slightly.

When potatoes are cool enough to handle, cut them in half and scoop pulp into bowl. Discard peel. Add 1 tablespoon butter or margarine (at room temperature), 2 tablespoons sour cream and 2 tablespoons maple syrup.

Using potato masher or sturdy whisk, mash or beat potatoes until smooth. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper.

Transfer to casserole. Serve immediately, or cover and keep warm until ready to serve. Makes 4 servings.



# Today's Food

## Heart-y Bites

By CINDY BERNER

### Recipe box holds only best-seasoned favorites

My real recipes — the tried-and-true ones — are on 3-by-5-inch cards in my recipe box. Recipes from magazines and cookbooks come and go, but recipes I use time and time again are in my recipe box, because a recipe must prove itself worthy of the trouble I take to copy it letter-by-letter on its own card.

When my friend, Susan Hearne, handed me a recipe for Low-Fat Brownie Cheesecake Torte already copied on a card, I anticipated something that would fit my recipe box standards.

"Cheesecake is my husband Thor's favorite dessert, but I usually don't make cheesecake because it is so enormously high in fat and we just whittle away at it piece by piece," Susan said.

While dessert is not standard fare at Susan's house, she prepared this cheesecake as a midweek surprise.

The cheesecake base calls for a baby food jar of carrot, unusual as an ingredient, to keep it moist. The size of the low-fat brownie mix is important because a larger package makes the crust too thick.

Part of the presentation is a garnish of chocolate sauce and fresh raspberries.

This is a contribution of Susan's sister, who shares her enthusiasm for cooking. They share recipes, as well as a goal of preparing healthy foods for their families.

"I found after I had my children, I make a more conscious effort to make sure the meals I prepare are well balanced and I started modifying recipes to be lower in fat," Susan said.

Brownie Cheesecake Torte exemplifies how the fat in a traditionally high-fat dessert can be lowered significantly to be enjoyed as part of a healthy diet. A low-fat brownie mix, reduced-fat (neufchâtel) cream cheese, fat-free cream cheese, egg whites and skim milk are key elements in this recipe.

The idea that all foods, even cheesecake, can fit into a healthy eating style sometimes is a difficult concept. The real goal is to do away with the labels of "good" food and "bad" food and simply enjoy a variety of foods in moderation.

Thanks to Susan, Brownie Cheesecake Torte is the newest addition to my recipe box. Tried and true, it is a treat I can make for my family — and pass along the recipe already copied on a 3-by-5-inch card to another friend for her recipe box.

Registered dietitian Cindy Berner is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association.

#### LOW-FAT BROWNIE CHEESECAKE TORTE

enough to handle, cut them in half and scoop pulp into bowl. Discard peel.

Add 1 tablespoon butter or margarine (at room temperature), 2 tablespoons sour cream and 2 tablespoons maple syrup.

Using potato masher or

- 1 pkg. (15.1 oz.) low-fat fudge brownie mix
- 2 tsp. instant coffee granules, if desired
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 jar (4 oz.) carrot baby food
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp. sugar
- 4 tsp. flour
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) reduced-fat (neufchâtel) cream cheese, softened
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) fat-free cream cheese, softened
- 2 egg whites
- 2 tsp. skim milk
- 2 tsp. cocoa powder

Preheat oven to 425°. Coat 9-inch springform pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Combine brownie mix, coffee granules, cinnamon and baby food. Firmly press into bottom and 1-inch up side of prepared pan.

Using electric mixer at medium speed, combine 1/2 cup sugar, flour, vanilla and both cheeses. Beat until well blended.

Add egg whites and 2 tablespoons milk. Beat well.

In small bowl, combine 1/2 cup batter, 1 tablespoon milk, 2 tablespoons sugar and cocoa. Stir well.

Spoon remaining batter alternately with cocoa mixture into prepared crust. Swirl together, using tip of knife.

Bake in preheated oven 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 250°. Bake 45 minutes or until almost set.

cool completely on wire rack.

sturdy whisk, mash or beat potatoes until smooth. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper.

Transfer to casserole. Serve immediately, or cover and keep warm until ready to serve.

Makes 4 servings.

## Wise Ways

By CYNTHIA FAUSER

### Upside-down cake rooted in early pineapple history

Pineapple upside-down cake: The thought of it evokes fond memories, right? Perhaps it was cooked in the oven or may be even in a heavy cast iron skillet on top of the stove. With eyes closed, one can almost smell it.

Everyone can remember how a favorite aunt, grandmother or friend's mother prepared pineapple upside-down cake, because almost every family had its own version. So just how did this classic recipe get to be so widespread?

In 1925 the Hawaiian Pineapple Co., as Dole was called then, ran a recipe contest for new ways to use canned pineapple, which had been invented in 1903 by Jim Dole.

Of the 60,000 recipes submitted, 2,500 were for pineapple upside-down cake. Obviously, with that many cake recipes submitted, the idea was not new in 1925. The company ran ads about the unusually large response of recipes, showing good advertising techniques were already in place in 1925. It took off like a wildfire.

Chances are people used something new (canned

pineapple) in an old way (skillet cakes). Baking cakes in skillets on top of the stove was a common technique dating back to the late 1800s. Cooks in those days, especially settlers, were unlikely to have baking ovens. Fruit upside-down cakes using apples or cherries are found in cookbooks of that era.

Today's cake mixes make short work of pineapple upside-down cake. I like to use the "add water only" variety when camping to make skillet cake the (almost) old-fashioned way. Twenty minutes over the coals with a few coals over the lid and dessert is ready. I still am deciding whether to tell the family I did not invent the idea.

Registered dietitian Cynthia Fauser is nutrition specialist for University Extension (University of Missouri system) in St. Louis County.

#### QUICK PINEAPPLE UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

1 can (20 oz.) sliced

pineapple in syrup or juice  
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine  
2/3 cup packed brown sugar  
10 maraschino cherries  
1 pkg. (2 layers) yellow cake mix or (16 oz.) pound cake mix

Preheat oven to 350°. Drain pineapple, reserving 1/4 cup syrup. Melt butter in 10-inch cast iron skillet. Stir in brown sugar until just blended. Remove from heat.

Arrange pineapple in butter mixture. Place cherry in center of each pineapple slice.

Prepare cake according to package direction, using reserved pineapple syrup for part of the liquid.

Pour over pineapple in skillet. Bake in preheated oven 45 to 50 minutes until cake tests done.

Cool in pan 5 minutes.

Invert on serving plate.

Serve warm. Makes 10 servings; 372 calories, 3 g protein, 65 g carbohydrate and 12 g fat each.

## Micro Raves

By SANDRA HOUNSOM

### Man needs to care for himself and 'best friend'

Holidays can be fun, hectic, hurried — and dangerous if care is not provided for pets.

Holly, mistletoe and poinsettias can be poisonous to Fido or Fluffy. Keep these plants away from pets, because even skin contact can cause an irritation. Don't use tinsel on the tree. Ingested, it can cut a

pet's intestines.

If Fluffy likes to jump, put an eye-bolt in the ceiling and tie the tree to it. Put non-breakable ornaments at the bottom of the tree, so pets do not play with them or knock them off. Don't add tree preservatives to the tree stand, lest it be poisonous to pets if they drink it. Food gifts

do not belong under the tree either. Chocolate is another no-no; it can be fatal to dogs.

People's favorite foods this time of year usually are not good for man's best friends. "Eats and Treats for Pets and Their People," (Pet Sitters International, N.C., 1996) provides hints and recipes, first for pets, then for their masters.

Make Canine Cookies for

a special treat for your dog. Mix 3/4 cups whole wheat flour and 2/3 cups uncooked oats. In a microwave oven, heat 2 cups water or milk on high power about 2 minutes until almost boiling.

Stir in 2 cubes beef bouillon until dissolved. Add 2 ounces (about 1/4 cup) liquid meat drippings or melted fat. Work dough with hands until stiff.

Home economist Sandra Hounsom specializes in microwave cooking.

#### CREAMY CRAB SPREAD

2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1 tsp. fresh lemon juice  
1 lb. crabmeat, coarsely chopped  
2 large cloves garlic, finely chopped

In large glass bowl, soften cream cheese in microwave on medium power 1 minute.

Stir in mayonnaise, lemon juice, crabmeat and garlic. Blend well. Chill. Makes about 3 cups thick spread.

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# Today's Food

## Good Health

By MELANIE POLK

### Winter fruit forecasts healthy eating this season

Winter is no time to abandon a goal of eating five or more servings of vegetables and fruits each day for better health. At this time of year, fruit makes a delicious, festive treat that provides the vitamins, minerals and fiber to help keep a person healthy right into spring.

With today's advanced transportation and refrigeration methods, it is hard to distinguish fruit actually "in season." Year-round supplies of fruits — apples, bananas, dates, lemons, limes, oranges and pineapples among them — are easy to find. To find fruit at the height of flavor during winter months, look for fresh cranberries, grapefruit, kiwifruit, pears, tangelos and tangerines.

Take advantage of these winter wonders by whipping up a seasonal breakfast that adds cranberries, canned pumpkin puree, cinnamon and ginger to plain pancake batter.

As a light luncheon entrée or a savory supper side dish, add juicy chopped pear to pilaf made with rice, bulgur or quinoa.

Shortcake and fruit salad are find in summer, but blustery winter nights call out for the satisfying flavors of a warm pear-cranberry crisp.

Add pizzazz to plain fish, chicken or turkey by enlisting

the sweet-tart flavor of a warm-fruit medley. Place sections of 1 pink grapefruit in a saucepan with cup-up (½-inch pieces) pear, sliced banana, 3 tablespoons raisins, ½ cup orange juice, 1 tablespoon honey and ground ginger to taste. Cook over low heat until warm and serve.

Kiwifruit's delicate flavor complements robust foods. A knockout salad of sliced kiwifruit, small steamed shrimp, chopped red onion and a few jalapeño pepper rings tingles taste buds. Dress with lime juice and a little bit of canola oil, and season with minced ginger root, salt and a pinch of sugar.

Perk up custard or pound cake with colorful kiwi sauce. Puree about ½ pound of peeled and chopped kiwi in a blender or food processor. Stir in three tablespoons sugar. Cover and chill.

Tangerines are a traditional holiday favorite. Use them in this salad dressed with the flavors of berries to provide a light, refreshing start to a hearty winter meal.

For a free brochure with ways fruits and vegetables help a person become healthier, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: American Institute for Cancer Research, Department

AP, P.O. Box 97167, Washington, D.C. 20069-7167. Registered dietitian Melanie Polk reviews this material for the AICR in Washington.

#### TANGERINE-KIWI SALAD WITH CRAN-BERRY DRESSING

Lettuce leaves  
2 tangerines, peeled, thinly sliced  
2 kiwifruit, peeled, thinly sliced  
Cran-Berry Dressing  
Tangerine peel strips, if desired

On 4 salad plates, arrange lettuce. Place tangerine and kiwifruit over lettuce.

Spoon Cran-Berry Dressing on top. Garnish with tangerine peel.

In blender, combine ½ cup canned whole-berry cranberry sauce and ½ cup nonfat or low-fat strawberry or mixed berry-flavored yogurt.

Blend until smooth. Makes about 1 cup.

Makes 4 servings, 125 calories and less than 1 g fat each.

### You'll fall in love with this cake

#### CHERRY RICOTTA LOVE CAKE

1 box (2 layers) yellow cake mix  
Skim milk for cake  
1 can (20 oz.) cherry pie filling  
2 lb. ricotta cheese  
4 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 pkg. (4 servings) instant

vanilla pudding mix  
1 cup milk  
1 carton (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 13-by-9-inch pan.

Prepare cake mix as directed on package, using milk instead of water and adding ½ can cherry filling and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Pour into prepared pan.

Mix ricotta, eggs, sugar and remaining 1 teaspoon vanilla until creamy. Spoon evenly — do not pour — over batter.

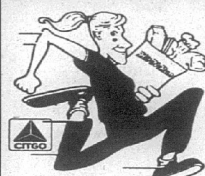
Bake in preheated oven 1

hour 10 minutes or until golden brown. Do not underbake.

Cool in pan about 10 minutes. Turn out on oblong tray or cookie sheet covered with aluminum foil. Cool 1 hour before frosting with pudding frosting.

Using low speed of mixer, beat pudding mix and milk 1 minute or until thick. Mix remaining ½ can cherry filling with whipped topping. Fold into pudding mixture.

Frost cake with frosting.



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## Happy holiday chicken planned for Santa's guests

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Chicken Bourbon and Chicken Piccata are traditional recipes using boneless, skinless chicken breasts designed for special occasions. Both dishes are made with the same easy-to-prepare saute method, but gain different flavors from their sauces. Chicken Bourbon is smooth and savory with a caramelized onion, pear and mushroom glaze, while Chicken Piccata is tart and tangy with a lemon, artichoke and caper sauce.

For other holiday recipe ideas, visit the National Broiler Council's Internet site, [www.eaticken.com](http://www.eaticken.com). A new brochure from the American Dietetic Association, "The Choice Is Chicken: Nutrition and Food Safety," is available free from the National Broiler Council, by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: The Choice Is Chicken, c/o NBC Communications Division, 1120 Connecticut Ave., N.W., 11th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Note: Instead of preparing dish in two batches, better results can be attained by working 2 pans simultaneously, dividing ingredients between them. Times are estimated for 2 pans.

Lay chicken breasts between sheets of plastic wrap. Pound until 1/4-inch thick. Sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Dredge chicken in flour, patting off excess.

Warm 2 tablespoons butter in each of 2 large skillet over medium heat until butter is melted. Add 4 halves chicken to each pan. Cook about 1 minute per side until both sides are well browned. Remove chicken.

Reduce heat to low. Saute shallot and pear 2 minutes. Add mushrooms. Saute 2 minutes. Add bourbon, wine and chicken broth. Increase heat to high. Continue boiling about 5 minutes until sauce is slightly thickened and reduced by half.

Return chicken to sauce. Lower heat. Simmer about 3 minutes until chicken is firm and cooked thoroughly. Season with remaining salt and pepper to taste.

Place chicken breasts on individual plates. Divide sauce over them. Sprinkle

with walnuts. Serve immediately. Makes 8 servings.

### CHICKEN-PICCATA

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/2 lb.)
- 1/4 cup flour
- 4 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbsp. capers
- 1 jar (6 oz.) marinated artichoke hearts, drained, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped green olives
- 1 1/2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- 4 tbsp. butter or margarine

Pound chicken between 2 sheets of plastic wrap until 1/4-inch thick. Dredge chicken in flour, patting off any excess.

In small bowl, stir together lemon juice, capers, artichoke hearts, olives and parsley.

In large nonstick skillet over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon butter. Cook chicken about 2 minutes on each side until golden. Remove chicken to dinner plates.

Reduce heat to low. Add butter. Stir until melted. Add lemon juice mixture, continuing to stir until hot.

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### CHICKEN BOURBON

- 8 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, (about 3 lb.)
- 4 tsp. flour
- 4 tsp. butter or margarine
- 4 tsp. shallots, minced
- 2 medium pears, finely chopped
- 4 cups oyster mushrooms, chopped
- 4 tsp. bourbon or whiskey
- 2 cups dry white wine, like chardonnay
- 2 cups salt-free chicken broth
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 6 tbsp. toasted walnuts, chopped

### Recipe

### SEAFOOD ALFREDO

- 8 oz. uncooked fettuccine
- 1 lb. scallops, medium shrimp (peeled and deveined) or bite-size cubes of swordfish, tuna, salmon, halibut, shark or sea bass
- 2 cups fresh broccoli florets
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 3 tbsp. chopped red bell pepper
- 1 jar (17 oz.) alfredo sauce with mushrooms

In large pot of boiling water, cook fettuccine 9 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add scallops, broccoli, peas and peppers. Stir. Cook 2 to 3 minutes.

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## Think of seafood when upgrading old favorites

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Mexican Shrimp Pilaf, a hearty main dish that starts with a package of Spanish rice mix, is on the table in less than 30 minutes. Shrimp sounds extravagant to friends or guests, but this hearty dish uses less than a pound of shrimp.

Swordfish Brunswick Stew uses cubes of meaty swordfish instead of meat or poultry. Any seafood "steak" — like halibut, tuna, shark or salmon — can be used. When shopping for seafood steaks, look for a moist, fresh look. Pass up dry or brown edges.

Seafood Turnovers filled with surimi seafood or crabmeat are a quick-fix

for pizza lovers. Low-fat, healthy surimi seafood, refrigerated pizza dough, spinach and cheese create a fun-style meal everyone will enjoy.

### MEXICAN SHRIMP PILAF

- 1 pkg. (7.4 oz.) Spanish rice (with vermicelli, if available) mix
- 2 tsp. margarine, melted
- 2 cups water
- 1 can (14½ oz.) diced tomatoes

- ¼ lb. large shrimp, peeled, deveined
- 1 cup chopped zucchini
- ½ cup frozen whole kernel corn, thawed
- 2 tsp. sliced ripe olives
- 2 tsp. crushed tortilla chips
- ½ cup (2 oz.) grated cheddar cheese
- 2 tsp. chopped green onion
- Picante sauce

In large skillet, saute rice in margarine, stirring often, until golden. Slowly add water, seasoning packet from rice and undrained tomatoes. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low. Sim-

mer, covered, 10 minutes. Stir in shrimp, zucchini, corn and olives. Simmer, covered, 5 to 10 minutes until shrimp are pink and rice is tender.

Transfer to serving bowl. Sprinkle with chips, cheese and onion. Serve with picante sauce.

Makes 4 servings; 390 calories, 21 g protein, 116 mg cholesterol and 13 g fat each.

fish flakes easily. Makes 4 servings; 276 calories, 19 g protein, 23 mg cholesterol and 3 g fat each.

Note: Other seafood that can be used are tuna, halibut, shark, salmon or sea bass.

### SEAFOOD TURNOVERS

- 8 oz. surimi (imitation crab) seafood, flaked
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, well drained
- 1 cup (2 oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- ½ tsp. oregano
- ½ tsp. basil
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- 2 cans (10 oz. each) refrigerated pizza dough

Preheat oven to 425°. Lightly grease baking sheet.

Combine seafood, spinach, cheese, oregano, basil and garlic powder. Mix well.

Unroll 1 crust at a time and pat into 14-by-11-inch rectangle. Cut in 4 squares. Spoon ½ cup seafood mixture onto center of each square. Fold dough in half diagonally. Press edges to seal well. Place turnovers on prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining can of dough and filling.

Bake in oven 8 min.

### SWORDFISH BRUNSWICK STEW

- 1 can (28 oz.) diced tomatoes
- 2 cups cubed, peeled potato
- 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn
- 1 cup frozen lima beans
- 1 cup frozen sliced carrot
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ tsp. garlic powder
- 3 drops hot sauce
- ¾ lb. swordfish, cut in ¾ inch cubes

In Dutch oven, combine undrained tomatoes, potato, corn, lima beans, carrot, water, onion, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder and hot sauce. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

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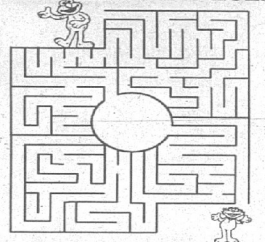
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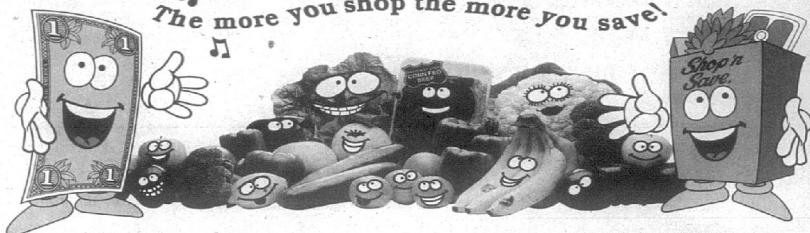
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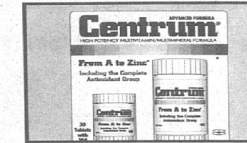
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1.5-CT. 1.5-CT.

OUR LOW SALE PRICE 2/94.98  
4-PACK AA OR AAA  
Energizer **2/3.98**  
24-CT. 24-CT.

AFTER \$1.00 OFF IN-AD COUPON IN STORE

EXCLUDES ACNE FORMULA  
Neutrogena  
Facial Bar..... **1.69**  
3.5-CT. 3.5-CT.

OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$4.49  
EXCLUDES REG. FLINT OR O.A.S. ANTIOX.  
Flintstone or  
One-A-Day..... **3.49**  
80-CT. 80-CT.

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SHAMPOO OR  
Perma Soft  
or Conditioner... **1.44**  
13-CT. 13-CT.

COMPARE TO SCOPE  
Homebest  
Mouthwash..... **2/\$3**  
34-CT. 34-CT.

Polident  
Tablets..... **1.99**  
30-CT. 30-CT.

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Sugar Free  
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1.5-CT. 1.5-CT.

EXCLUDES FOOD OR FORMULA  
All Gerber  
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OFF

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OUR LOW SALE PRICE \$3.49  
TABLET OR CAPLET  
Bayer Aspirin... **4.9¢**  
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AFTER \$2.00 OFF IN-AD REBATE IN STORE





24 PACK  
Pepsi, Diet Pepsi or  
Mountain Dew

**488**  
24/12-OZ.  
CANS  
2-LITERS 88¢

ASSORTED VARIETIES  
Keebler Chips  
Deluxe Cookies... **189**  
18 TO 24 OZ.  
PKG.

ASSORTED VARIETIES  
Keebler  
Vanilla Wafers... **189**  
18 TO 24 OZ.  
PKG.

CINNAMON OR HONEY  
Keebler  
Snackin' Grahams **189**  
7 OZ. PKG.

2-LITER BOTTLE  
Vess Soda

**47¢**  
EACH



24 PACK  
Coca-Cola Classic  
Diet Coke or Sprite

**537**  
24/12-OZ.  
CANS  
2-LITERS 88¢

Brawny  
Paper Towels... **259**  
18 ROLL

ORIGINAL OR FAT FREE  
Breakstone  
Sour Cream... **99¢**  
16 OZ. TUB

EVERYDAY LOW PRICE  
Comet  
Cleanser... **29¢**  
16 OZ. TUB

SHOP'N SAVE  
Macaroni & Cheese

**4/\$1**  
6 TO 7 OZ.  
REGULAR OR SPIRAL



REGULAR, LIGHT OR FREE  
Kraft  
Mayonnaise

**147**  
32-OZ.  
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ASSORTED VARIETIES  
Seven Seas  
Salad Dressing... **2/\$3**  
16 OZ. BTL.

AMERICAN  
Kraft Stagger  
Pack Cheese... **649**  
5.12 OZ. PKG.

ASSORTED VARIETIES  
Breyer's  
Yogurt... **2/109**  
8 OZ. TUB

LIMIT 2  
1 1/2 Dozen  
Medium Eggs... **79¢**  
18 OZ. CWT.

EVERYDAY LOW PRICE  
Drano Liquid  
Industrial Strength **199**  
32 OZ. BTL.

More Values  
In Store



REGULAR OR W/BLEACH  
Tide Ultra Liquid  
Laundry Detergent

**999**  
200-OZ.  
BTL.

EVERYDAY LOW PRICE  
Clorox Bleach... **107**  
GALLON

EVERYDAY LOW PRICE  
LIQUID OR POWDER  
Wisk Ultra  
Laundry Detergent **497**  
16 OZ. BTL.

WASH SPRAY OR LEMON  
Spray'n Wash... **2/\$3**  
16 OZ. BTL.

ASSORTED VARIETIES  
Downy Ultra  
Fabric Softener **2/695**  
40 OZ. PKG.

Holiday  
Specials



DISHWASHING  
Dawn Ultra  
Detergent

**189**  
28-OZ.  
BTL.

DISHWASHING  
Cascade  
Detergent... **2/\$4**  
80 OZ. BTL.

Formula 409  
Glass Cleaner... **249**  
32 OZ. BTL.

TRIGGER SPRAY  
Fantastik  
Lemon Cleaner... **2/\$3**  
16 OZ. BTL.

Dow Spray  
Bathroom Cleaner **2/\$3**  
16 OZ. BTL.

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Double  
Prints

**299**  
UP TO 24-EXP.  
3 1/2" PRINTS

**Great Values!**  
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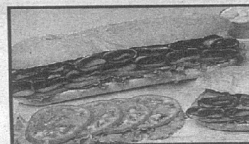
FARM FRESH  
Catfish Nuggets

**159**  
LB.

50 TO 60-COUNT MEDIUM  
White  
Shrimp... **599**  
LB.

Kanimi  
Crab Flakes... **299**  
LB.

Sea Shell Pasta  
with Crab... **159**  
LB.



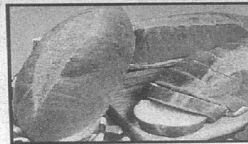
MANDA CORNED BEEF,  
Roast Beef or  
Pastrami

**399**  
LB.

Jennie-O Pepper  
Turkey Breast... **399**  
LB.

Kitchen Fresh  
Ham Salad... **399**  
LB.

KRETSCHMAR  
Brown  
Sugar Ham... **499**  
LB.



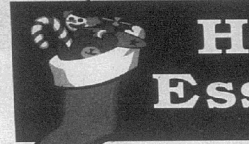
FRESH BAKED  
Rye or Italian  
Bread

**99¢**  
16-OZ.  
LOAF

8-INCH SINGLE LAYER  
Chocolate  
Cake... **399**  
EACH

FRESH BAKED  
Vienna Rolls... **99¢**  
12 OZ. PKG.

WISCONSIN  
Lorriane  
Swiss Cheese... **399**  
LB.



**Holiday  
Essentials**

30" 70 SQUARE FT.  
Jumbo Wrap

**159**  
ROLL

Berwick  
Star Bows... **2/\$1**  
12 OZ. BTL.

PAPER MAGIC  
Gift Tags... **2/\$1**  
12 OZ. BTL.

11X17  
Christmas  
Window Clings... **88¢**  
EACH

1/2 X 450 INCH  
OR 3/4 X 300 INCH  
3M Scotch Tape

**2/\$1**

PLASTIC  
X-Large  
Red Bow... **99¢**  
EACH

9 FOOT  
GE  
Extension Cord **129**  
EACH

More Holiday  
Values In Store!

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**EVERYDAY LOW PRICES**  
These are Everyday Low Prices - Not Weekly Specials

CREAMY OR CRUNCHY  
Peter Pan  
Peanut Butter

**168**  
18-OZ.  
JAR

HOT OR REGULAR  
Armour Chili  
With Beans... **79¢**  
16 OZ. CAN

ASSORTED VARIETIES  
Soup Starters... **199**  
1.5 OZ. PKG.

THIN OR LONG  
Creamette  
Spaghetti... **65¢**  
16 OZ. BTL.

Old El Paso  
Refried Beans... **79¢**  
16 OZ. BTL.

ASSORTED VARIETIES  
Wishbone  
Italian Dressing **199**  
16 OZ. BTL.

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price tags at the shelf  
edge for our Everyday  
Low Price!  
Day in and day out you get  
the lowest possible price.  
Compare for yourself!

Chef Boyardee **249**  
Pizza w/Cheese...  
5.12 OZ. PKG.

ASSORTED VARIETIES  
Five Brother's  
Pasta Sauce... **199**  
16 OZ. BTL.



ASSORTED VARIETIES  
Totino's  
Pizza Rolls

**299**  
18 TO 20-  
OZ. PKG.

PRE-PRICED \$1.49  
Armour Treet... **119**  
15 OZ. CAN

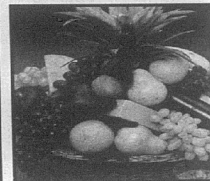
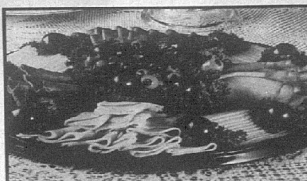
La Famous  
Salsa... **3/\$5**  
11.5 OZ. BTL.

ASSORTED VARIETIES  
Quaker Mini  
Rice Cakes... **2/\$3**  
1 OZ. PKG.

Jiffy  
Baking Mix... **99¢**  
16 OZ. BTL.

ASSORTED VARIETIES  
Pet Ritz  
Cream Pies... **99¢**  
16 OZ. BTL.

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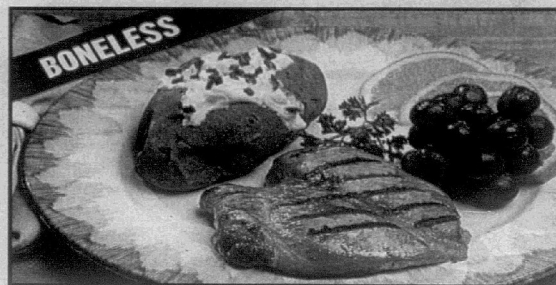
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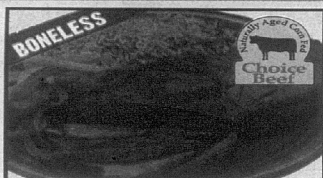
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**Skinless,**  
**Boneless Breast**

**1.89**  
**lb.**  
LIMIT 3 PKGS.



USDA CHOICE CORN FED BEEF  
**Boneless**  
**Chuck Roast**

**1.37**  
**lb.**  
LIMIT 3 PKGS. SOLD AS ROAST ONLY.



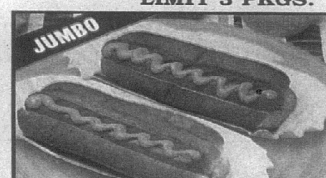
USDA CHOICE CORN FED BEEF  
**Boneless**  
**Charcoal Steak**

**1.79**  
**lb.**  
FAMILY PACK



FROZEN TENDERBIRD  
**Boneless, Skinless**  
**Chicken Breast**

**6.97**  
**3 POUND BAG**



**Eckrich All Meat**  
**Jumbo Franks**

**99¢**  
**1 POUND PKG.**

FIELD WHOLE 9 TO 10 LB. AVG.  
**Kentuckian**  
**Boneless Ham...**

**2.39**  
**lb.**

FROZEN, 5 TO 7-LB. AVG.  
**Honeysuckle**  
**Turkey Breast...**

**1.39**  
**lb.**

ECKRICH  
**All Meat**  
**Bologna.....**

**99¢**  
**1-LB. PKG.**

**Kahn's Chunk**  
**Braunschweiger**

**1.59**  
**1-LB. PIECE**

MAPLE FLAVOR  
**Surrey Farm**  
**Bacon.....**

**1.99**  
**1-LB. PKG.**

SHOP 'N SAVE  
**Pork Sausage....**

**1.89**  
**1-LB. ROLL**

HOLTEN  
**Thick'n Juicy**  
**All Beef Patties**

**3.59**  
**2-LB. BOX**

ALL VARIETIES  
**Gorton's Grilled**  
**Fish Fillets.....**

**2/\$5**  
**7-OZ. PKG.**

BROWN 'N SERVE  
**Swift**  
**Sausage Links..**

**99¢**  
**7-OZ. PKG.**

**Armour**  
**Meat Balls.....**

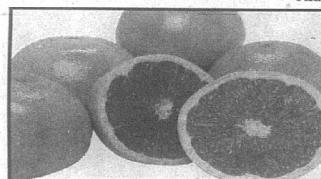
**2/\$5**  
**20-LB. PKG.**

TUB OF PORK, CHICKEN  
OR BEEF  
**Lloyd's BBQ....**

**5.99**  
**2-LB. PKG.**

TENDERBIRD  
**Chicken Wing**  
**Drumettes.....**

**3.79**  
**3-LB. PKG.**



TEXAS RIO STAR  
**Red**  
**Grapefruit**

**1.48**  
**5 POUND BAG**



MICHIGAN GOLD,  
**Red Delicious or**  
**Jonathan Apples**

**1.98**  
**5 POUND BAG**



California  
**Navel Oranges**

**2.98**  
**8 POUND BAG**

Florida Sweet  
**Tangerines...**

**5/98**  
**120-COUNT**

Dole Classic  
**Salad Blend.....**

**88¢**  
**1-LB. PKG.**

NORTHWEST  
**Bartlett or**  
**Anjou Pears.....**

**78¢**  
**LB.**

BUNCH  
**Fresh**  
**Broccoli.....**

**88¢**

**Jumbo**  
**Yellow Onions..**

**38¢**  
**LB.**

U.S. #1  
**Baker Potatoes..**

**38¢**  
**LB.**

ROASTED OR SALTED  
**Gary's**  
**Peanuts.....**

**2.38**  
**20-OZ. PKG.**

Ozark Microwave  
**Popcorn.....**

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**3-OZ. PKG.**

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**Crisp Sno Peas ..** **2.98**  
**lb.**  
HYDROPONIC  
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- Freeburg Area Library District — \$10,905

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Vanessa Vargo

## Vargo debuts on Internet

Vanessa Vargo, singer and professional model, is making her Worldwide Web Site debut on the Internet.

Vanessa was awarded \$549 for competing in a Calendar Girl Contest and has recently modeled for Blore, a line of facial skin care products; Catera Cadillac Luxury Car, in

conjunction with Callaway's Big Bertha Golf Club; and the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

She will also be featured on a KPLR-TV Channel 11 commercial for "Sound Off St. Louis" television show. Her Web Page address is: <http://members.aol.com/ModelforU/Inex.html>.

## Kwanzaa set for 13th celebration

In its 13th year, Better Family Life Inc. brings to St. Louis the Kwanzaa Holiday Expo, the largest celebration of African-American culture and cooperative economics in the country. This year's celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday at the America's Center at the Cervantes Convention Center downtown, 701 Convention Plaza.

Children will be the focus of this year's event, with the theme "Building the Community Village One Child, One Family, One Block."

"In the St. Louis community and across the country, the focus has been to depict our children in an extremely negative fashion, particularly African-Americans," said Malik Ahmed, founder and director of Better Family Life. "Our children are in harm's way of every social and mechanical danger known to this society and we are leaving them by the handfuls."

"This year Better Family Life would like to dedicate the Kwanzaa Holiday Expo to the children by showcasing their talent and highlighting their positive works. Better Family Life is building the bridge, extending a helping hand to children and bringing them into the fold of the family and their community."

Kwanzaa Holiday Expo Highlights include:

- Educational Summit '97: On Friday and Saturday, students, educators, administrators and parents will participate in seminars, workshops, guest presentations and cultural performances. The summit was designed to find ways of using the Nguzo Saba, or Seven Principles of Kwanzaa, with school curriculums. The St. Louis Public Schools, St. Louis Community College, Harris-Stowe State College and the Illinois School District have joined Better Family Life in presenting this event. The theme this year is "Linking Education with Culture — The Creative Culture of African-Americans."

- Prudential Health Care/Riverfaces African Children's Village: Geared toward youth of all ages, there will be an area for hands-on activities designed by Riverfaces, a nonprofit organization specializing in creating visual objects based on the various cultures of the world. Activities include storytelling, mask making,

face painting, puppetry and environmental education. Booth space will also be provided for young entrepreneurs to sell their goods and services.

- Taste of Kwanzaa: At this press reception, the media will be able to ask questions about the Kwanzaa Holiday Expo; the U.S. Postal Service will unveil a postage stamp honoring Kwanzaa, which was designed by internationally known author Cynthia Saint James. The reception will be at 6 p.m., Friday.

- Kwanzaa Oratorical Contest: Youth will develop essays and the winners will present their essays at the expo based on the topic, "What Kwanzaa Means To Me." Three scholarships will go to the top essays; Pepsi is sponsoring the event, which will be on Saturday.
- Hip Hop Forum: The forum will bring together young people and civic leaders to discuss conflicts that youth face today and alternative resolutions. Among the topics the group will discuss are rap music, culture and the music industry. The forum will be Saturday.

- Youth Art Exhibit: For the first time, art work from 30 students who attend the St. Louis Public Schools will be on display during the entire expo. The theme for the exhibit is "The Family and Kwanzaa." Schnucks Markets is sponsoring the event.

- National Recording Artists: Musical groups The Ch-Lites (Saturday), Keystone (Friday), as well as performances by singers Miki Howard (Saturday) and Jennifer Holliday (Sunday), will be held. Also on hand is comedian and St. Louis native Cedric the Entertainer, who will be signing autographs at the Afrocentric booth from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

- Gospel Concert: The concert will be hosted by Merdean Fielding-Gales, marketing director of the Bobby Jones Gospel Show, and television personality on the cable program "Images." The concert will be held Sunday.
- Sports Exhibit/Aerobic Workout: Sports-minded youth and their parents can participate in two aerobic workout sessions that will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sports vendors also will be demonstrating workout equipment. The Monsanto YMCA is sponsoring the event.

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